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Potential Wealth of Cuba Demonstrated

IN COLLECTOR DONALDSON'S REPORT

An Excellent Summary of the Situation—A Definite Currency For Cuba—Different Sources of Revenue.

SANTIAGO, Sept. 23.—By the courtesy of General Lawton a press correspondent was yesterday afforded an opportunity to peruse the report issued by Customs Collector Donaldson, covering the transactions of the custom house at Santiago during the period between July 16 and Sept. 1. The report, which was forwarded to Washington yesterday, covers six closely typewritten sheets and deals voluminously with the work of gradually reorganizing this most important department of the capitulated territory.

Summarized, the report states that 35 steamers with an aggregate tonnage of 52,535 tons and 23 sailing vessels of an aggregate tonnage of 3,889 entered the port during the period named and that 27 steamers and 18 sailing vessels cleared. The discrepancy between the number of entries and clearances is accounted for by the fact that many government transports did not report for clearance at the custom house. The sum of $107,783 was collected from various sources and payments were made of $13,101 for sanitary and similar purposes, city police and municipal salaries, salaries of custom house officials and miscellaneous expenses.

In the absence of a bonded warehouse system no entries for warehouses were made. This matter could not be dealt with until after the departure of the Spanish troops, but recommendations for its adequate treatment will be presented as soon as practicable after the present report is submitted, and a general warehouse will be established at Santiago entirely under the customs control, instead of, as during the former regime, under control of the depositos mercantiles.

After reviewing the various sources of revenue, Collector Donaldson estimates the annual income of the province of Santiago at $2,150,000. He makes a strong plea for the assignment of a revenue cutter for continuous employment in these waters in the protection of the revenue, the assistance of vessels in distress, the enforcement of quarantine laws and the protection of wrecked property.

The question of a definitive stable currency for Cuba is dealt with. Duties at present are paid in gold coin of the United States, rendering necessary daily estimates and computations of comparative values, there being no absolute standard of a circulating medium, and confusion has arisen, particularly in the matter of the interchangeable value of silver coins of the two countries. Attempts have been made by local financiers to secure a conventional agreement that Spanish silver coin be exchanged for American coin on a basis of two to one, but as the intrinsic value and exchange value of the respective coins did not correspond the attempts have not resulted in even temporary benefit. As a preliminary step to the disposing of the matter it will be recommended as soon as practicable that authoritative instructions be issued that duties be collected entirely in American gold.

The revenue collected has been found sufficient to cover all the administrative expenses of Santiago thus far authorized. Other resources disclosed in the archives of the office are available for the unexpectedly increased expenses. These resources are estimated at $165,000 yearly for Santiago city and for other towns in the province at $18,156.

The report closes with a manifest of the numerous sources of public revenue. The sums authoritatively collected and duly accounted for would more than suffice to support in an adequate manner all the expenses of administering the province even if the rates of assessment were reduced in view of the impoverished condition of this portion of the island. The lower rates of duty specified in the schedules prescribed have resulted in greater revenue receipts during the period covered by the report than were found in the records of the office during the corresponding period, when the extreme rates of duty specified in the Columna del derecho diferencial of the former tariff were in force. The fact that the revenues collected have been primarily devoted to the prompt payment of approved salaries and to authorized disbursements incident to local administration instead of being devoted to other purposes has produced excellent results, not only in relieving pressing individual results, but also by providing in a legitimate manner, by the immediate distribution of a certain amount of currency, for recommencing business transactions in the community and the reopening of many avenues of employment.

General Lawton was greatly pleased with the report and on its reception paid a high compliment to Collector Donaldson.

The Struggle For Cuban Relief.

HAVANA, Sept. 23.—It is understood that for the last few days joint commissioners have been considering the matter of the steamer Comal and her supplies, the American representatives insisting upon the carrying out of the directions from Washington that the Comal shall return and distribute her rations without paying duty.

Bad Weather on the Banks.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 23.—The Labrador mail steamer Leopard arrived yesterday morning. She reports the coast fishery over and practically a failure. Tempestuous weather has prevailed along the coast during the past month, and seven vessels have been driven ashore.

OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

How the Quebec Conference Will Affect the Farmer.

QUEBEC, Sept. 23.—The people of the United States are evidently beginning to awaken to the great importance of the results which may come from the work of the international joint high commission now in session in this city. It has become known that the Canadian representatives are urging that the treaty embodying commercial reciprocity be made, and such a treaty, if made, would seriously affect nearly all the great industries of the United States. These industries are now being heard from in a very emphatic way. During the past 24 hours the American commissioners have been besieged by deputations of Americans demanding that no ironclad treaty be entered into which would disturb, if not in many instances destroy, the present protective tariff laws of the United States. Yesterday the farmers of the United States put in their protest, and it was a very strong one. They were represented by Aaron Jones of Indiana, the worthy master of the National Grange, and N. J. Bachelder of New Hampshire, chairman of the national executive committee. They were given a very full hearing and will have another audience before the commissioners act.

After the hearing Mr. Jones said: "We speak for the farmers of every state of the Union, and in all of the states they are opposed to any change being made in the present duties on agricultural products. With the farmers this is a very serious question. The agricultural industry represents about 60 per cent of the entire population of the country and produces annually about 60 per cent of the total wealth of the country. This is an interest which should not be sacrificed. I have official expression from all states in the Union, and all are opposed to changing in any manner the duties now imposed on Canadian agricultural products. This is as true of the western, southern, central and New England states as of the states along the Canadian border. As I understand the situation, the Canadians are asking for a commercial reciprocity treaty to be made by this joint commission, and in that treaty they want the duty on Canadian barley, eggs, vegetables, fruits and other products removed. That thing the American farmers will never consent to. Even the free trade farmers, those who believe in the free trade policy, say if they must have a protective system they believe under the present system the farmers are faring better than most of the other industries. To open up the free importations from Canada now would have the same depressing effect upon the farmers as when wool was placed on the free list. The farmers present a solid front against reciprocity with Canada."

Following Mr. Jones came another earnest protest from Mr. Albert Clark, president of the Home Market club of Boston. He said the organization he spoke for had upward of 2,000 members, mostly manufacturers, and represented a total capital interest of $700,000,000. He opposed commercial reciprocity. He said that between two countries having the same products for exchange reciprocity was never successful. If Canada and the United States each had something the other did not have, it would be a different proposition.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Result of Yesterday's Games In the National League.

At Baltimore—										R.	H.	E.
Baltimore..	5	2	0	0	4	0	3	1	*—	15	19	2
Chicago....	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2—	6	14	2

Batteries—Kitson and Robinson; Phylo and Nichols.

Second game—										R.	H.	E.
Baltimore.....	0	0	0	3	0	0	0		0—	3	4	1
Chicago.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		0—	1	3	1

Batteries—Hughes and Clark; Wood and Nichols.

At New York—										R.	H.	E.
New York....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—	2	8	3
Louisville.....	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0—	7	11	0

Batteries—Meekin and Gettiger; Dowling and Kittredge.

At Brooklyn—										R.	H.	E.
Brookl'n	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0—	3	13	0
St Louis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0—	3	7	2

Batteries—McKenna and Ryan, Hughey and Clements.

At Philadelphia—										R.	H.	E.
Philadel'a.	0	0	3	2	1	5	0	2	*—	13	20	0
Cleveland..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1—	3	11	8

Batteries—Fifield and McFarland; Cuppy and Criger.

At Boston—										R.	H.	E.
Boston.....	2	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	*—	9	16	0
Pittsburg..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	1	3	1

Batteries—Klobedanz and Bergen; Gardiner and Schriver.

Table of Percentages.

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Boston....	88	44	.667	Philadel'a	66	62	.515
Baltimore.	85	46	.649	Pittsburg.	67	68	.494
Cincinnati	82	53	.607	Louisville.	59	74	.412
Cleveland.	71	57	.563	Brooklyn..	48	76	.387
Chicago...	73	62	.539	Washton..	43	89	.326
New York	70	62	.528	St. Louis..	35	96	.267

The Bridgeport Case.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 23.—The only new features in the efforts to solve the mystery of the Yellow Mill pond tragedy yesterday were the exciting arrest of Harry Guilford, the hunchback son of Nancy Guilford, who is now a prisoner with Walter C. Foster and Charles R. Plum, Jr., and the identification beyond dispute of the face by the father and brothers of Emma Gill.

Colonel Bryan In Politics Again.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Colonel Bryan said last night that he would not leave for Jacksonville until this evening. It is understood that he had concluded the business with the war department which brought him to Washington. He will devote the day to conferences with some of his political friends.

Blown Up by Dynamite.

ALBANY, Sept. 23.—John Patterson, an octogenarian, and James Patterson, his nephew, were blown through a toolhouse and a stone wall by an explosion of dynamite at Glenmont, a few miles south of this city, yesterday afternoon. Their bodies were terribly mutilated.

DISEASE IS RAMPANT

In the Ranks of the Native Cuban Soldiers.

YELLOW FEVER IS INCREASING.

Decayed Fruit Sold by Auction—Information Gathering For the American Government—Tobacco Prospects Promising.

HAVANA, Sept. 22.—Day by day reports from all points of the island, besides confirming the statements regarding the want and destitution existing among the Cuban soldiers, say the health in their camps is very bad and that dysentery and malaria are decimating the forces. Official returns as to the mortality in Santa Clara province during the month of July show 2,968 deaths, of which 115 resulted from smallpox.

Free soup kitchens are still open in the following wards: Pilar, Penalver, Arsenal, Santa Teresa, Tacon, San Ysidro, Vives, Chaves, Santo Angel, Punta, Vedado and Principe. All the others are closed.

Major Page and Lieutenant Reid have been appointed commissioners to survey and report upon the conditions in Matanzas, where they arrived on Wednesday. They paid an official visit to the military governor, General Molina, and to the civil governor.

Robert P. Porter, who is on a special mission from the United States, returned Wednesday night from Cienfuegos and Trinidad. He was accompanied by an assistant. During his trip Mr. Porter had occasion to interview leading planters of the island, such as the Marquis of Aperteguia and others, gathering information which he will send to President McKinley. Mr. Porter expressed himself as pleased with the success of his trip, during which he has obtained information as to the conditions in the island which will be invaluable to the American government in shaping their future policy in regard to Cuba.

Yesterday morning the bishop of Havana had another long conference with the civil governor. It is understood that the meeting was in reference to church charities interested in the relief of the suffering poor.

The American commissioners continue inactive, spending their days at the Trocha hotel, where, so far as can be learned, no official business is being done. All are in excellent health, and no cases of fever of any kind are reported among the members of the commission or its staff.

Among the passengers who arrived on Wednesday from Key West on the steamer Mascotte was Senora Luz Noriega, widow of Dr. Hernandez. She was known as the "queen of Cuba" and figured prominently in the insurrection, enlisting in General Maceo's command, in which her husband was staff surgeon. Her husband was killed in the war, and she was taken prisoner by the Spaniards near Sancti Spiritus and deported. She returns to the island with the intention of actively resuming work in the cause of the freedom of Cuba.

Advices from Pinar del Rio, the great Vuelta Abajo tobacco district, are most encouraging. The Cuban troops stationed in the province have been behaving well, and labor in the fields has been resumed, most of the planters sowing as much tobacco as possible in view of the scarcity of oxen, most of which animals were confiscated during the war for the maintenance of both armies. Several important sales of tobacco of previous crops are reported at good prices. The general tone of the district is healthy, and confidence is manifested on every hand.

Yesterday the steamer Olindo arrived from Vera Cruz. She sailed for this port with 540 head of cattle, of which 103 died during the voyage. There also arrived the steamers Juan Forgas, from Cadiz, and Dorset, from Vera Cruz, with cargo and passengers, and the schooner Edward, from Pascagoula, with lumber.

The battalions of Sevilla, numbering 33, and Burgos, 36, are concentrating at Cienfuegos in readiness for embarkation for Spain. The soldiers are suffering greatly owing to the intense heat, which has caused atmospheric disturbances, and severe storms are of daily occurrence.

Sales are held every day at the public wharfs in this city of damaged fruits and vegetables, already in a state of decay, which constitute a serious menace to the public health.

Yellow fever, which has hitherto been of a very mild type and comparatively few cases of which have been reported, has lately assumed a more dangerous form and is increasing.

Spain Clings to the Philippines.

MADRID, Sept. 23.—The ministerial newspapers protest against the supposition that the United States will keep the Philippine islands. They maintain that Spain's rights to these islands are incontestable and that she is "resolved to defend her rights with the greatest energy."

The government papers also contend that the terms of the peace protocol confirm Spain's right to the island of Luzon and the rest of the Philippine islands, and they declare that if the United States bases its claim on humanity and civilization Spain will prove that there is no higher civilization in any of the Asiatic colonies than in the Spanish colonies in Asia.

The rumor that the Rothschilds are to lend Spain a large sum of money when the treaty of peace is signed is denied here. Officials of the Spanish government claim that the Bank of Spain is able to supply the immediate demands of the government.

The Late Miss Davis' Funeral.

KINGSTON JUNCTION, R. I., Sept. 23.—The funeral car bearing the body of Miss Winnie Davis and the relatives reached here in safety and was attached to the Colonial express, leaving for New York at 11:06 o'clock yesterday forenoon.

AGUINALDO'S DELEGATE HERE.

General Greene and the Cause of His Recall.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—Among the passengers on the China, which has just arrived from Hongkong, were Privates Jenkins, Thomas, Brown and Nyles of Battery G, Third artillery; McCann, Eighteenth infantry; Russell and Whitehead, Fourteenth infantry, and Ulbricht of the Montana volunteers. Ulbricht returns on account of disability, while the other men came back because of the expiration of their terms of service.

Among the passengers were Philipo Agoncillo and Jose Lopez, who are going to Washington as representatives of Aguinaldo. Agoncillo did not come direct from Manila, but started from Hongkong, where he has been for some time. He says that he is not familiar with the conditions existing at Manila except what he has been told by Aguinaldo. He declines to make public what Aguinaldo wants or expects, but states that the insurgents generally look for ultimate independence.

After a short stay at Washington the two men will proceed to Paris to attend the meeting of the peace commission.

Other passengers on the ship were Brigadier General Greene and staff, Adjutant General Babcock, Captain Rothers, assistant surgeon of the First California volunteers; Murat Halstead and John Fay, a Chicago newspaper man.

General Greene says that he was not recalled for any particular reason that he knows of. He received his orders to return to San Francisco the same day that General Merritt received orders to proceed to Paris by way of the Suez canal. With reference to the report that he was recalled owing to his action in conducting an illegal court martial at sea General Greene says that Major General Otis gave him the cases to try and showed him a paragraph in the articles of war giving him the authority to try them.

The cases were tried according to General Otis' orders, and the findings of the court were later reversed by the Washington authorities. General Greene says there is no truth in the story that he had trouble with General Merritt. On the contrary, he says that they are the best of friends.

Speaking of the situation at Manila, General Greene expressed the opinion that there would be no trouble with Aguinaldo, but he declined to go into details.

The health conditions at Manila are improving, but it is extremely difficult to prevent disease from spreading among the American soldiers, as the Spaniards have occupied the buildings and have left the germs of disease behind them.

Reorganizing the Volunteer Forces.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Major General Miles, commanding the army, has completed his plan for the reorganization of the volunteer forces into corps, divisions and brigades. This plan has been submitted to the war department for approval. The plan contemplates a reorganization of the volunteer force which has not been ordered mustered out and designates an army of occupation for Cuba, provides for the relief of the army in Porto Rico and establishes a reserve to relieve the troops in the various islands which will be occupied by the United States. It is known that the troops of the Seventh corps, now under General Lee, will be designated to go to Cuba and that troops from the camps at Lexington, Knoxville and Middletown will be selected for Cuban duty. It is understood that General Miles deals only with organizations such as corps, divisions, brigades and regiments. The matter of commanding and staff officers will be settled after the mustering out of general and staff officers has been determined.

Distinction For an American.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The state department has received from Minister Conger at Peking information that Dr. William A. P. Martin has been appointed to the important post of president of the imperial university of China, recently established by imperial decree. Dr. Martin is a citizen of the United States, but went to China as a missionary about 40 years ago and has passed most of his time since then in that country. In his knowledge of the people, their language, folklore and customs, Minister Conger says Dr. Martin is considered to have no equal. He was president of the Peking university for nearly 30 years and is the author of several works on China and her people.

Exhumed For Evidence of Poisoning.

IPSWICH, Mass., Sept. 23.—As a result of the action of District Attorney White, the body of Mrs. Thompson, wife of Rev. William J. Thompson, formerly of this city, was exhumed, and yesterday morning the viscera was sent to Professor Woods of Harvard university for analysis. The district attorney is acting upon the theory that the woman died from poisoning. Professor Woods has already examined portions of the body of a son of the woman who was Mr. Thompson's housekeeper and whom he married after the death of his first wife, but his report has not been made public.

Arraigned on Charge of Murder.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Sept. 23.—Napoleon Manning was arraigned in the district court here yesterday forenoon, charged with killing Buzzel La Douz by shooting, at Georgia, a small place south of here, on Tuesday afternoon. The prisoner waived examination, and as the grand jury for this county is now in session it is expected that the case will come before it at once. Judge E. H. Wheeler, who heard the case, decided that the present grand jury should act.

Democratic Nominations at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Sept. 23.—The Democrats yesterday nominated the following candidates for the assembly: Second district, Philip Schmidt; Fourth district, John C. Mohrlag.

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CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE PEOPLE.

Deception Practiced by the Republican Constitutional Convention—Intentional Underrating of the Cost of Canal Work —True Cost Kept a Secret so that the Republican Party Could Handle $9,000,000 at Once.

FICTION VERSUS FACT

Estimate of Gov. Black's Canal Investigation Commissioners and Engineers to Complete the Work $14,995,000—Total Cost of Canal Enlargement $23,995,000

Edward P. North, Consulting Engineer and Lyman E. Cooley, Advisory Engineer, the Two Eminent Civil Engineers Employed by Gov. Black's Canal Investigation Commissioners to Assist Them in Their Work of Inquiry as to Expenditure of the $9,000,000—Trust Fund Voted by the People to Enlarge the State Canal, in their Report Say that it Will Take $14,000,000 to Complete the Work on Which $9,000,000 Has Already Been Expended and Further State that this Estimate Does Not Include the Cost of Advertising the Contracts and the Dual System of Inspection Which Has Thus Far Cost Over $250,000.

Through intentional misrepresentations on the part of Republican politicians in State Constitutional Convention assembled, and a Republican committee of the Legislature, the people of the State were induced to appropriate $9,000,000 for the improvement of the State's canals. The professed object was to increase the depth of the Erie and the Oswego canals to nine feet and of the Champlain canal to seven feet. The real object, it is now manifest, was to put in the hands of Republican officials, 9,000,000 of dollars, which would not have been made available had the truth been made known.

The inception of this conspiracy, to call it by its proper name, is found in the minutes of the Republican Constitutional Convention. In response to a resolution of inquiry by the Constitutional Convention on July 15, 1894, the present Republican State Engineer and Surveyor submitted an estimate to the Convention on August 1, 1894, that the work of canal improvement outlined would require the large sum of $11,573,000. He did not include in this estimate any estimate as to the probable cost of vertical walls. His estimate also was made in a very hurried manner and upon a small amount of data. If he had been an eminent engineer and also one not influenced by political considerations he would have said: "Gentlemen, no thorough survey of the canals has been made in many years. You propose to expend many millions of dollars in canal improvement. It will not be prudent to undertake any such gigantic task unless you have the canals surveyed. As the people's civil engineer, I will not risk my reputation with hasty or imperfect surveys or deceive them through insufficient estimates." He gave no such advice. He assumed that the canal banks could be raised by heaping mud taken out of the bed of the canal on the banks. He made various other assumptions, unwarranted by any facts known at the time. Mr. Blackman, the counsel of the Canal Commission, said to Mr. Adams when he was giving his testimony before the commission, "Will you state to the commission what you reported to the Constitutional Convention was your estimate of the cost of obtaining nine feet of water in the Erie canal?"

Mr. Adams replied, "$5,310,000, which did not include any estimate or quantity for the cost of vertical walls."

The estimate as to the probable cost of deepening the Oswego canal was $1,208,000; the Champlain canal, $2,200,000, and generally for lengthening the locks $2,755,000, a total of $11,573,000. Below are some interesting extracts from Mr. Adams' evidence before the Canal Commission:

"We assumed that all levels could be deepened one foot and the banks raised one foot, excepting from Buffalo to Lockport.

"These comparative estimates which we made at a later date revealed the fact that some levels could be more economically deepened entirely from the bottom because of local conditions.

"We reached our estimate as to the yardage that would be handled by taking the total length of the canal with an average width between vertical walls and using the factor of one foot excavation for the excavation, and using that material for raising the embankments one foot, assuming that the existing canal tow paths and berme banks were at the standard elevation of two feet above water surface."

The price of this excavation was estimated at twenty-five cents per cubic yard, and as to embankments he said: "We assumed it would be covered by excavation. We proceeded on the theory that the material excavated from the bottom of the canal could be used in raising the embankment."

They added to their estimate a round figure for rock excavation, but "we did not posses any information to give any value to that factor in the estimate, so we just added a round sum as being probable for rock excavation."

Here the State Engineer ignored the Seymour and Van Buren surveys, as well as all local repair surveys showing the true physical conditions of the State canals as known for many years.

They made no estimate at all for vertical walls, and assumed that the slope walls could all be underpinned and topped out with rip rap, requiring no new slope wall. Either necessarily or unnecessarily many miles of both vertical and slope walls were built.

They paid no attention to raising the walls of the locks to get additional depth, and assumed that they could deepen the aqueducts by putting a twelve by twelve timber on top of the spillways. Large items of cost were overlooked in this way. The only time when economy was allowed to come to the front was in making the estimates. It was a "good enough Morgan until after election," when the money was assured.

Immediately prior to the making of this estimate the Republican canal committee of the Republican Constitutional Convention accompanied by individuals interested in the improvement of the canals of the State had conferences at the State Engineer's office and urged him to cut down the probable cost of the work to as low a point as his conscience would permit owing to pronounced opposition to the undertaking. Mr. Adams testified on this point:

"Previous to sending the communication to the Constitutional Convention, immediately preceding it, the committee of the convention, in charge of canal matters, accompanied by individual gentlemen interested in the canal improvement—I do not know that they had any official connection, but were connected with the various commercial bodies of the State, had conferences at our office and urged upon me to report to the convention such an estimate for the improvement of the canals as would be based upon what was known as the Seymour plan, and not attempt any estimate, not decide, at least upon any more radical improvement of the canal, such as a barge canal or a ship canal, and the reasons those gentlemen urged were that the opposition to any canal improvement was so vigorous and pronounced in the convention itself that they believed it the part of wisdom itself to approach the subject in as small a way regarding expenses as practical."

At any rate the Constitutional Convention incorporated a provision in the proposed new Constitution making possible the undertaking of the improvement, and the Republican Legislature of 1895 enacted a law providing for $9,000,000 of bonds for the purpose, representing and stating to the people who had to vote on the proposition at the next election the hope that the sum named would be sufficient for the purpose. Thus deceived and thus betrayed by a party only just returned to power the people voted in the affirmative and to-day they look on piles of fresh earth and rock, on a large quantity of unused (but paid for) lumber and stone, scattered from one end of the State to the other—and they know that owing to the incompleteness of the work not one inch has been added to the draught or one pound to the capacity of boats traversing the canals of the State. The people also see that not a dollar remains of the $9,000,000, and contemplate over $1,000,000 claims for damages by contractors and others which may swell the total cost of this great monument of Republican duplicity to fully $16,000,000 more.

But this was not all. After the people had approved of the proposition to expend $9,000,000, changes were made by the Republican Legislature in the canals so as to permit of the unlimited advertising of canal contracts in the newspapers, and this proved a very costly change. The Canal Commission now say $80,170.70 was not properly expended when it was expended for advertising.

In the summer of 1896, when they came to put their estimates together, they found "that the estimates for doing the work called for by chapter 79 of the Laws of 1895, the Canal Improvement Act, when grouped together and aggregated, showed a cost largely in excess of the appropriation." Below are some extracts from State Engineer Adams' testimony on this matter:

"Q. When you first brought those together? A. When we first brought enough of them together to get a reasonably accurate knowledge of the proportionate cost for those parts of the canal which we didn't have estimates on."

"Q. Do you carry in your mind the time when you reached what seemed to you to indicate, or what seemed to be the total cost of the improvement? A. I think it was August, 1896.

"Q. Can you indicate about what the result was? A. My recollection is that the estimated cost of doing the work, as obtained about this time, was thirteen and a half million dollars, without any cost for engineering, inspection or advertising.

"Q. At that time did you have a communication with the Superintendent of Public Works on this subject? A. We did; we had a conference with the Superintendent of Public Works and his general inspector, Mr. Tubbs, about that time."

George W. Aldridge, the Superintendent of Public Works, testified as follows on the matter.

"Q. Do you remember whether you had received, during this time, any information as to the amount of the probable cost of this improvement before that time? A. Why, in conversation with Mr. Tubbs on this question his opinion was, and very strongly so, that $9,000,000 wouldn't do this work. He was of the opinion that more vertical walls would be required than probably would be or had been estimated for."

"Q. Was it before the first lot of plans were presented to the Canal Board by the State Engineer and Surveyor? A. I won't be sure as to that."

reference on this occasion to the most disgraceful spectacle that has ever characterized a national or State administration. We believe the scenes, the brutality, the barbarity witnessed at Camp Black, Camp Wikoff, Camp Thomas and the other camps throughout the country will hardly ever fade from the memories of the present generation. We think that the treatment our soldiers received at the hands of incompetent and careless officials, whose existence was due to the political deal necessary to bring about the election of the present chief executive of this country, will be dealt with by the people in the proper way. Sufferings on the part of our soldiers who never left this country during the war, and that would bring expression of sympathy from General Weyler or Minister DeLome, in the opinion of the committee will not be forgotten, but we believe these matters should not be lugged into a State campaign.

We believe it to be the duty of the press, and ask its co-operation, to point out the guilt of the Republican party. We ask the assistance of the press in apprehending the Republican party now that it has been detected, and is about to drop the goods and run away from its record. We think that not only the Democratic papers, but the independent papers, and all other papers should assist in holding the Republican party up, and in making it plead to the indictment before the bar of the people.

GEO. W. ALDRIDGE'S "PULL"

A Governor the Tool of Thomas C. Platt.

When Levi P. Morton was elected Governor in 1894, the Republican politicians in the State Constitutional Convention had entered upon the great conspiracy of deceiving the people through the undertaking of a canal improvement scheme to cost over $20,000,000, upon surveys and estimates calling for but $9,000,000, that the Republican party might have the spending of that sum of money freely and at once.

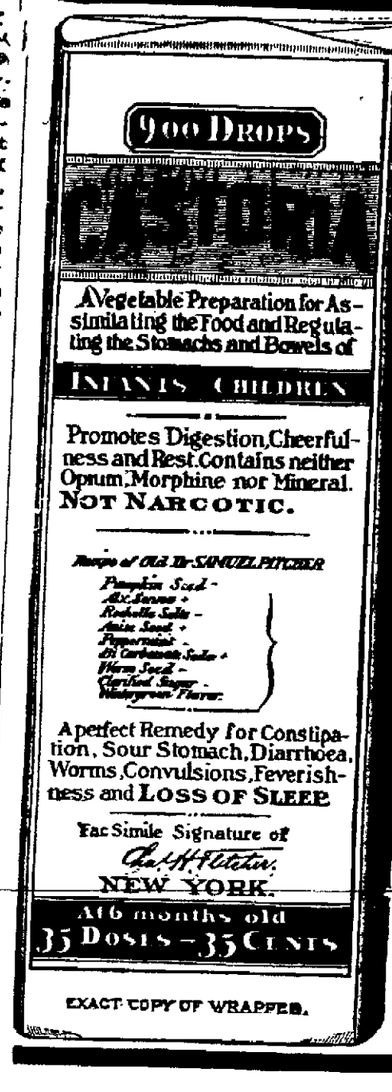
They were familiar with the urgent demands of the New York Chamber of Commerce, transportation interests and the State canal boatmen for increased canal facilities seized their purposes with a view of party end by placing a weak man in nomination for the important post of State Engineer and Surveyor. With the aid of this man, when elected, they put through the Legislature the measure providing the funds. Their next step was to secure the right man to spend the money in awarding political contracts.

The man they selected was George W. Aldridge, a Rochester city politician of the caliber they desired. He was known as a political spoilsman. At this period Governor Morton was selecting his State staff of administration. The great canal and transportation interests of the cities of the State at once opposed the selection of Aldridge or any other political spoilsman. They said we have urged this great and costly public work. We feel responsible for the integrity of its conduct. Give us a business man of large experience, an engineer of acknowledged capacity, an honest and true friend of the canals and the people to take charge of this trust so patriotically approved by the people. These were the words spoken to Governor Morton by a committee made up of ex-Mayor Franklin Edson, J. P. Truesdell, Franklin Quinby, G. W. Balch and other members of the New York Produce Exchange. Other commercial organizations sent delegations to Albany to unite in protest against the appointment of such a man as Aldridge. The New York Produce Exchange committee, upon their arrival in Albany, were very hospitably received by Governor Morton and were invited to lunch with him at the Executive mansion. At the Executive chamber their protest was heard. In a few days following Tom Platt's man Aldridge was appointed Superintendent of Public Works.

Now the conspiracy is complete. It only remained to expend the money in spoils fashion. Governor Black's commission of canal investigation has put on record the blackest page of our State's political history. Millions of money have been squandered, millions of damages are accruing. $15,000,000 more is needed to make the canals what the people desired. Said Mr. J. P. Truesdell (a Republican) recently: "I have no personal acquaintance with Superintendent Aldridge. But no such man should have been put in charge of the Department of Public Works. We thought so in 1895 and tried to impress our views on Governor Morton. The events of the past three years have justified the position we then took and has proved the costliness of the policy of the spoils politician. The people cannot be indifferent longer. They will not endure not only seeing their money wasted, but far worse, the commercial affairs and business interests of the State and New York city jeopardized.

"Dealers in grain and other bulk merchandise accustomed to come to the port of New York over the line of the canals have viewed with apprehension the diversion of the traffic into other channels. It is easy, for example, to change the flow of grain to another port and next to impossible to get it back. We are naturally very seriously alarmed after spending $9,000,000 on our canals to find them falling apart and more seriously than ever obstructing navigation to a greater extent than before.

"The tendency at this time is for western produce to seek tide water and shipment ports by the natural waterways of the northeast. Our canal route has intercepted some of this flow to the northeast because of its being the quicker route. The canal improvement was to afford quicker facilities of transportation and anticipate better Canadian routes proposed. Now, with decreased facilities and the future of the canals more seriously threatened than ever, we witness a new route opened for grain through Perry Sound in the Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario to Montreal, and lake steamers now transport cargoes of grain from Duluth or Chicago by this water and rail route to Montreal and beyond, bringing grain from Duluth to Montreal in a week, which is a gain of three days."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United States Consul at Cologne, Germany, Files a Report Dealing with Trichinae.

Consul Barnes, at Cologne, whose recent report on the preparation of American fruits for the German market attracted much attention, has followed it with a report upon trichinae, which is a splendid vindication of the American hog from the vilification of his German accusers. The report says:

"Through the medium of a society of German foreign meat inspectors, whose object is the protection and promotion of the German trade in meats and fat products, I learn that for the last 15 years, beginning with the decree of 1883 prohibiting the importation of American meat and ending with the close of last year, there were officially confirmed in the kingdom of Prussia 3,003 reported cases of illness from trichinae, 207 of which resulted in death. Of these there could be traced to the eating of European meat examined in Germany and found to be free from trichinae 1,242 cases of illness and 102 deaths.

"Thus 41.35 per cent. of all the cases of illness and 49.7 per cent. of all the deaths were caused by the consumption of European pork which was examined in Germany and found to be free from trichinae. The remaining cases could also be traced to importations of European meat, partly examined and partly not examined, and found to contain trichinae and yet handled by the trade.

"In not one of the above 3,003 cases could it be proved that the illness was caused by the use of American salted, pickled or tinned meat, nor by smoked sausage (imported under imperial decree of September 3, 1891). This statement holds good for all Germany. In confirmation of this fact, the society hereinbefore mentioned has issued posters wherein a reward of 1,000 marks ($238) is offered to the person who can prove that trichinae has been transferred to human beings by the consumption of American salted or pickled pork or smoked sausage imported under the imperial decree of September 3, 1891, canceling the edict forbidding the importation.

"When, in 1891, the edict against sausage and pork products from America was canceled, no inspection of sausage or pickled pork was required until July 1, 1895. Since then both products are subject to inspection. This will result in the absolute exclusion of sausage and pickled pork or boneless hams from the German market.

"In the case of boneless hams weighing from two to three pounds each the cost of inspecting amounts to 15 pfennigs per kilogram, or 15 marks ($3.57) per 100 kilograms of 220 English pounds. Add to this the duty of 20 marks and we have a total cost of 35 marks, or $8.33, on 220 pounds of meat, which virtually means the prohibition of such products."

SLOP FOR THE PIGS.

It Is Quite a Neat Job to Prepare It Quickly and in the Proper Proportions.

Feed for winter pigs should be in the form of slop. House slops are excellent. The best preparation for slop from the ordinary feed is a mixture of ground corn, oats and linseed meal. Grind two bushels of corn with one of oats and add 20 pounds of linseed meal for every 150 pounds of the mixture of corn and oats. Soak the mixture as long as possible without souring. It is a mistake to feed half-soaked feed. The object of soaking feed is to make it more palatable and digestible. Grinding the feed is an imitation of mastication, therefore, the finer it is ground the better the imitation, and soaking the feed is an imitation of digestion. The soaked feed should not be so thick as to be lumpy, neither should it be thin enough to be watery. It should not be so watery that water will gather on the top of a pail full after standing awhile; nor so thick as to "stand up" when thrown in the trough. It is a neat job to make a nice barrel of slop from ground feed and much of the success in its use depends upon its proper preparation. Clean troughs, regularity in feeding and plenty of trough room are things very essential to successful pig feeding. We have been able to produce 17.4 pounds of growth for every equivalent of a bushel of corn, by following the above methods. This, of course, cannot be done with the runty pig.—D. A. Kent, in Prairie Farmer.

Live Stock and Fertility.

Long and painstaking efforts in any one direction make men experts. Not until farmers rightly appreciate the value and necessity of the live stock business in relation to the preservation of fertility will they become expert in this line or capable of getting out of it all there is in it. It has well been said that the policy which the farmers of Illinois must adopt if they ever expect to attain their former prosperity is to provide a home market for their own product. By a home market we mean a market on the farm, without any cost of transportation except that which the farmer pays to himself for the use of his own teams and wagons. Nothing except live stock can provide this kind of a market.—A. P. Grout, in Farmers' Review.

Polishing Horns and Hoofs.

Soak horns in warm water till pith or core can be removed; this also softens horns, making them more easily worked. Smooth by rasping, scraping and sandpapering, using fine emery paper last. To polish, rub with cloth moistened with linseed oil dipped in tripoli, finally rubbing with the hand. The horns may be more easily handled by inserting a stick fastened with a screw through the horn and held in a vise. Hoofs may be polished in the same way, making neat match safes.

FALL OF KHARTOUM.

British and Egyptian Troops Under Gen. Kitchener Have at Last Conquered the Mahdi.

The statue of Gordon in Trafalgar square, London, was wreathed with laurel the other day, and the police were kept busy tearing away placards bearing the words "At Last." After 14 years of patient but determined wairing the death of Gordon has been avenged and the English flag once more floats over Khartoum.

The Anglo-Egyptian army, under the sirdar, Gen. Sir Herbert Kitchener, in a great battle on September 1, near Omdurman, on the Nile, completely routed the army of the khalifa, killing, according to various reports, from 8,000 to 15,000 men and afterward victoriously entering Omdurman and

GEN. SIR HERBERT KITCHENER.
(Sirdar of the Anglo-Egyptian Expedition in the Soudan.)

Khartoum, the latter now being in ruins.

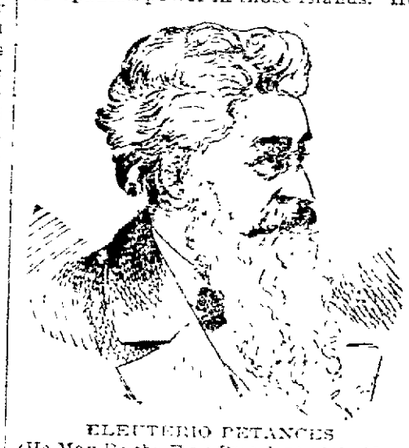
The accounts of the battle, says the Chicago Record, tell the old story of gallant but unavailing bravery on the part of the men of the desert led by their brave emirs and the scientific and terrible slaughter in their ranks caused by the Maxim-Nordenfeldt batteries and the superior arms and discipline of the invading army. The Anglo-Egyptians lost about 500 men killed and wounded, an evidence, under the circumstances, of the heroic bravery of the assault upon its lines by the cavalry and infantry under the black flag of the khalifa. As was to be expected, the latter was outgeneraled at every point and the sirdar's army, protected and supported by gunboats, was practically invincible.

The expedition which has thus redeemed the prestige of the British arms in the Soudan started two years ago, and its advance, considering the distance and the difficulties in provisioning and transporting the army, has been comparatively rapid. Africa is a land of enormous distances, and the care with which each progressive step was taken showed the determination of the invaders to make no mistake this time. To the forethought and ability of Lord Cromer in financing and aiding the army and to the brilliant military genius of the sirdar the success of the expedition is chiefly due. England, as a result, again holds her head erect in Africa, and it is significant that Germany and Italy have been prompt to congratulate her on a remarkable victory. The power of the dervishes is broken and this time the English flag will remain in Khartoum.

ELEUTERIO BETANCES.

He May Be the First President of the Republic of Cuba Soon to Be Established.

Eleuterio Betances, the noted savant, Hellenist and oculist of Paris, is being talked of for the presidency of the Cuban republic. Dr. Betances is an ancient enemy of Spain in the West Indies and one of the men who have had most to do with the downfall of Spanish power in those islands. He



ELEUTERIO BETANCES.
(He May Be the First President of the New Cuban Republic.)

is a native of Puerto Rico, but has long lived in Europe, where his skill as a surgeon and his ability as a man of letters have given him great fame and fortune. His father was wealthy, and the doctor was educated abroad. On his return to Puerto Rico he was soon the possessor of a great practice in his specialty. He did not believe in slavery, but did not preach against it. At the same time he manifested his disapproval of the institution by buying a negro slave baby every month, and then presenting its mother with its freedom papers. The course made him very unpopular with Spanish officials, and he was at last forced to leave the island. He traveled in Cuba, Hayti and other parts of the group and practiced medicine with great success. He later visited the United States and made a special study of our political, economical and educational institutions. His practice in Paris has made millions of dollars for him, some of which he has drawn from the pockets of even the Spaniards. He has consistently fought Spain with his influence and his wealth, and his name is well known to thousands of Cubans who never saw him. Dr. Betances is 73 years old.

EXPECTED A LIVING BURIAL.

Spanish Soldiers Taken at Santiago Thought Americans Were Barbarians.

There is no doubt that many of the Spaniards after the battle of Santiago believed that the Americans would shoot all captives. A touching story at El Caney that shows this feeling was related by a staff officer, writes Rev. D. Henry C. McCook in the Philadelphia Press. After the capture of the fort that crowned a hill a burial party under Capt. Allen proceeded to inter the Spanish dead, which was done by laying them in their own trenches dug before the earthworks, as was also done at San Juan. Near by lay a lad of 17, shot through the hips. As the bodies of his comrades were borne behind him he would turn his head and follow the sad work with a horror-stricken countenance. The American officer observed his face, and, rightly discerning his feelings, called an interpreter and assured the youthful soldier that no harm would be done him. "Shall I not be buried alive, along with my dead comrades?" was the anxious query.

"No, no! You shall be cared for presently, and your wounds dressed and tended to as if you were an American."

The youth's face was instantly transformed. His horror was changed to happiness, his fear to friendship. He reached out his hand to Capt. Allen with profuse thanks, and until he was taken to the hospital he showed his gratitude by shaking hands with every American who came near. Poor lad! And he, too, is a mother's son, and some anxious-hearted dame awaits his coming in distant Spain. May her love and longing have no disappointment!

THE RETURNED KLONDIKER.

He Found His Friend Deeply Immersed in Something Besides Gold.

He was just back from the Klondike. For months he had dreamed of the sensation he would create when at last he returned home laden with gold and stories from that frozen clime. Meeting an old friend on the street he rushed excitedly forward and shook him warmly by the hand, says the Detroit Free Press.

"Just got back," he cried. "Have you heard the news from K—"

"News?" replied his friend. "Should say I had! Didn't do a thing to them, did we? There will not be a Spaniard left on the whole island in a month."

The returned Klondiker looked dazed, but he tried it again.

"Talk about gold—"

"Who wants to talk about it?" interrupted his friend. "We've got enough of it to carry on the war. Why, man, the war bonds have been subscribed for several times over!"

The Klondiker gasped and tried another tack.

"Mosquitoes! say—"

"Oh, bah! what's a few mosquitoes? If our troops can face Spanish bullets I guess they can stand a few mosquitoes. By the way, been away for the past few days, haven't you? Thought I hadn't seen you around. So long. I want to go across the street and see what the latest news is."

A NOVEL BATTLE.

It Was Fiercely Waged Between a Sparrow and a Locust for Half an Hour.

A novel battle between an English sparrow and a locust was witnessed by a number of people on Sixth avenue, in Dayton, Ky., the other day. The fierce contest lasted fully half an hour, and although the odds were all on the side of the sparrow as regards armor, armament and displacement, yet the locust fought aggressively until he was fairly whipped. The sparrow would make a dash at the locust with his bill, and the latter would avoid the attack with a quick side jump. The locust would then make a savage onslaught on the sparrow, striking at the eyes of its opponent with sharp-pointed feet. A street car would pass every few minutes and separate the belligerents for the nonce. The fight would then be renewed with increased vigor. The initiative was usually taken by the locust and he would fly 30 or 40 feet to renew the attack. The sparrow at last, however, struck a vulnerable spot in his antagonist and then proceeded to put a coup-de-grace to the battle by picking the locust's head off.

A Trick of the Road.

It is related of Sergt. Anthony, recently of the late ship Maine, that with all his fearlessness he has a keen sense of humor and never lost an opportunity to take advantage of the situation as he found it. He was engaged at one time doing some heavy hauling over a bad road in the night. The road was all but impassable, and his team got stuck in the mud. After several ineffectual attempts to pull out he put up his lines, crawled back into his wagon, stowed himself away and went to sleep, knowing that no one could pass until he was out of the way. He had just about got to sleep when a train of several wagons came along the road behind him. They found his team stuck fast, but no driver. The driver had evidently gone off after help, so they unhitched their own teams, chained his wagon, hitched to it and pulled him out. Then he crawled out from under cover, took up his lines and went along.

Largest Freight Steamer.

The Cymric, the largest freight steamer afloat, can carry about 20,000 tons of dead weight; that is, about what 625 freight cars can carry. The displacement of the Cymric is 23,000 tons; she carries thus about twenty-twenty-thirds of her weight.

ORANGE CO. SURROGATE'S COURT

Business Transacted Before Hon. J. B. Swezey, Special Surrogate—Report of Proceedings Ending Sept 20.

WILLS ADMITTED.

The wills of the following persons have been admitted to probate: Last will and testament of Joel H. Benedict, late of Warwick, Annie E. Benedict, ex'x; of Allen Ridgeway, late of Middletown, S. E. Keller, Harriet E. Ridgeway and A. Force, executrices; of Mary Burke, late of Goshen, Joseph Merritt, ex'r; of F. J. Davies, late of Tuxedo, Emma Davies, ex'x; of Stephen E. Hallett, late of Montgomery, Ira M. Corwin, ex'x; of L. F. Edwards, late of Cornwall, Henry VanDuzer, ex'r; of Emma Adelia Foster, late of Chester, Emma F. May, ex'x; of James Vanderoef, late of Montgomery, Harriet Vanderoef and John J. Vanderoef ex'rs; of Louisa Titus, late of Cornwall, William H. Bacon, ex'r; of Katherine L. Brown, late of Cornwall, Sophie E. Brown, ex'x.

ADMINISTRATION.

Letters of administration have been granted as follows: On the estate of Jane Ann Mason, late of Warwick, to Mortimer L. Mapes, friend; of Blandina E. Dunning, late of Deerpark, to Raymond W. Carr, son-in-law; of Caroline E. Thompson, late of Crawford, to Louisa W. Thompson, sister; of Wickham D. Bull, late of Wallkill, to Hiram D. Bull, brother; of Wm. G. Tuthill, late of Deerpark, to Margaret Tuthill, mother; of Edward M. Wildrick, late of Warwick, to Frank F. Wildrick, son; of Helena Darrach, late of the city of Newburgh, to Mary D. Craig, daughter; letters of temporary administration on the estate of Robert E. Jones, late of Warwick, to Mary A. Jones, widow.

GUARDIANSHIP.

Letters of guardianship have been issued as follows: On the person and property of Frank Kershaw, to Charles W. Kershaw, father, both of Blooming Grove; of Theodore Barker, to J. T. Barker, father, both of the village of Walden.

DECREES.

Decrees have been entered in the matter of the judicial accounting of William R. Welling, general guardian of etc., of Sarah McC. Welling, late a minor, now of full age; of Charles L. Mead, executor of etc., of Reuben C. Mead, late of Wawayanda; of Warren L. F. Sloan, executor of etc., of William J. Sloan, late of Montgomery; of Robert Jordan, administrator of etc., of Jacob C. Hornbeck, late of Deerpark; of Elizabeth B. Blanchard, general guardian of etc., of Edward W. Blanchard, late a minor, now of full age; of Henry S. Reeve, executor of etc., of Laura Graham, late of Mount Hope; of Reginald Gordon, executor of etc., of Mary Anne Gordon, late of Newburgh.

REFUSE TO ISSUE BONDS.

Town of Rockland Voters Refuse to Sanction a Bond Issue for Extraordinary Highway Repairs.

The special town meeting held Saturday in the town of Rockland, Sullivan county, to vote on a proposition authorizing the issue of $5,000 of bonds for the repair of roads and bridges damaged by the recent floods, resulted in a majority of three against the proposition.

Although some forty bridges are down and many highways badly damaged the belief was quite general that the necessary repairs could be made for less than $5,000, and this belief influenced the voters who cast their ballots against the bond issue.

Two Delaware County Postmasters Arrested.

From the Walton Chronicle

Postmasters L. S. Chace, of Walton and J. W. Seymour, of Rock Rift, were arrested on Tuesday by a U. S. Marshal, and taken before U. S. Commissioners Graham, at Schenevus. Upon examination the commissioner held them to await the action of the U. S. Grand Jury, at Buffalo. Each gave bail.

EARNED NOT BOUGHT.

Staying Power Counts in a Long Stern Race.

Middletown people need not be told how hard it is to earn and maintain a good reputation, and how easy it is to lose one. After such a loss it is well nigh impossible to recover the ground, and the majority who have slipped by the wayside have been forced to stay there. As with a man's reputation so it is with medicinal preparations. Some achieve a reputation which stays with them. It is founded on intrinsic merit and not sustained by elaborate advertising. It faces the public backed by honesty and works its way quietly but thoroughly. Middletown people want no better proof of the reputation earned by Doan's Kidney Pills than the following experience from a citizen.

Mr. Benjamin P. Conkey, of 47 Beattie avenue, says: "Four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills greatly benefitted me. Although I had often a pain in the small of my back, urinary trouble was my chief ailment. It gave me no end of annoyance, inconvenience and distress. Think of it, I was forced to get up during the night a dozen of times and if I caught cold every half-hour during the day I was compelled to seek for more. I am so far improved that I only have to get up once during the night. I have not a trace of backache and I am satisfied that the organs are so strengthened that a radical change has taken place."

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PECULIAR POISONS.

GENERATED IN THE HUMAN BODY.

The Results of Imperfect Digestion of Food.

Every living thing, plant or animal, contains within itself the germs of certain decay and death.

In the human body these germs of disease and death (called by scientists Ptomaines), are usually the result of imperfect digestion of food; the results of indigestion or dyspepsia.

The stomach, from abuse, weakness, does not promptly and thoroughly digest the food. The results is a heavy, sodden mass which ferments (the first process of decay) poisoning the blood, making it thin, weak, and lacking in red corpuscles; poisoning the brain causing headache and pain in the eyes.

Bad digestion irritates the heart, causing palpitation and finally bringing on disease of this very important organ.

Poor digestion poisons the kidneys, causing Bright's disease and diabetes.

And this is so because every organ, every nerve depends upon the stomach alone for nourishment and renewal, and weak digestion shows itself not only in loss of appetite and flesh, but in weak nerves and muddy complexion.

The great English scientist, Huxley, said the best start in life is a sound stomach. Weak stomachs fail to digest food properly, because they lack the proper quantity of digestive acids (lactic and hydrochloric) and peptogenic products; the most sensible remedy in all cases of indigestion, is to take after each meal one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, because they supply in a pleasant, harmless form all the elements that weak stomachs lack.

The regular use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will cure every form of stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach.

They increase flesh, insure pure blood, strong nerves, a bright eye and clear complexion, because all these results follow only from wholesome food well digested.

Nearly all druggists sell Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at 50 cents full sized package or by mail by enclosing price to Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich., but ask your druggist first.

A little book on stomach diseases mailed free. Address Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

THE ORGANIST'S ANSWER.

Santiago Correspondence of the Brooklyn Eagle.

In connection with the pro-Spanish feeling here, a rather amusing incident occurred in one of the Catholic churches the other day. The interpreter of our legation is a fine organist, and his services are in demand at several of the best churches in Santiago. While he was in attendance at one of them several weeks ago, when the war spirit was at its height, the priest delivered a sermon denouncing the United States and praising the Spaniards. The Yankee organist could not of course reply in words, although his soul was filled with indignation, but as the congregation rose to go he played "The Star Spangled Banner" with all the force he and the great organ could supply. I do not know that the tune was a familiar one to the priest, but at this writing the interpreter still draws his salary as the organist.

BEAVERKILL.

Engagements to Teach—Lost a Valuable Horse.

Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

—Leslie Combs, of Downsville, is teaching up Berry brook.

—Mr Roberts teaches the Beaverkill school.

—Orville Butler has secured the position of principal of the school at Esperance in Schoharie county.

—J. D. Russel is canvasing for a number of books in this vicinity.

—H. D. Houghtailing lost one of his heavy team horses last week.

WESTTOWN.

Church sociable.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The ladies of the Westtown M. E. Church will hold a sociable at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Evans, in Johnsons, next Thursday evening, Sept. 29th. A literary entertainment will be given. Refreshments will also be served. Come and enjoy yourself.

A Creamery Destroyed by Fire.

J. B. Harlow's large creamery, in the town of Hamptonburgh, was burned to the ground about 1 o'clock, Thursday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. The flames were seen by parties who were driving past, and who gave an alarm. Part of the contents of the building was saved.

Trout for S. and W. Waters.

From the Rockland Review.

A carload of trout was put in the streams in this vicinity, Tuesday. The trout were from six to ten inches in length. They were brought from the Caledonia hatchery.

High Prices for Cows.

Robert Marks sold twenty-five choice cows, all new milkers, part of them with calves by their side at auction, at Pine Bush, Saturday. The bidding was spirited and good prices were realized, the highest being $65.

A little life may be sacrificed to a sudden attack of croup if you don't have Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil on hand for the emergency.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 23.—Rain to-night probably clearing Saturday; warmer Saturday morning in North portion; South gales becoming west.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 64°; 12 m., 76°; 3 p. m., 82°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Sept. 23—Black Patti's troubadours, at Casino.
—Sept. 26—"Lost, Strayed or Stolen," at the Casino.
—Oct. 1—Orange County Horse Show Association exhibition, at Goshen.
—Oct. 25—War graphaphone, at Casino.
—Sept. 29—"When London Sleeps," at Casino.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

The Democrats of the Seventeenth Congressional District of the State of New York are hereby requested to send delegates to a convention, to be held in Middletown, N. Y., at the Casino, on the 7th day of October, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of placing in nomination a Democratic candidate for Member of Congress in said district, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said convention.

By order of Congressional Committee.
Dated September 20th, 1898.
A. S. EMBLER, Chairman.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic electors of the State of New York are requested to unite in sending three delegates and three alternates from each Assembly District to a State Convention, to be held at Syracuse, Wednesday, Sept. 28th, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates to be voted for at the ensuing general election and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

ELLIOT DANFORTH, Chairman.
August 16th, 1898.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

For Member of Assembly (Second District),
DANIEL P. SCHULTZ, of Port Jervis.

At the recent convention of State hay dealers in Buffalo the statement was made by a well informed man, that the hay crop is the most important in the country, being valued at $500,000,000, and worth as much as the wheat and cotton crops combined. Although this year's crop was a large one the dealers were all of the opinion that prices would be higher next week.

At least one of the delegates from Boss Odell's district will not "stand without hitching." Senator Lexow is expected to place Governor Black in nomination at the Saratoga convention, and it is whispered that his speech will be a strong one, and that much of the bitterness that fills his heart toward Platt and his allies will find expression. If Lexow tells all that he knows of machine methods in the Republican party, his speech will be the speech of a life time.

William J. Bryan seems to have developed unexpected military genius. When he was organizing his Third Nebraska Regiment a great deal of fun was made of him and the regiment by some Republican papers, which assumed that he and his men entered their country's service from political instead of patriotic motives, but in the few months since the regiment was mustered in Colonel Bryan has, according to the War Department, brought it to such a high degree of efficiency that the Department cannot think for a moment of dispensing with its valuable services, and is determined to send it to Cuba with the army of occupation. The Department's praise of the regiment would, however, carry more weight if it were not for the suspicion that Colonel Bryan and his men are kept in the service for political reasons.

Secretary Alger's inquiry into the management of the camp at Chickamauga has developed the astonishing fact that the medical director of the camp, Dr. Rush Shippen Heidenkoper, is a horse doctor. It is true that Heidenkoper graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, but he only practiced for a short time as coroner's physician and then abandoned the treatment of human beings for veterinary practice, and since 1892 has kept a veterinary hospital in New York. He was, it is said, appointed an assistant surgeon general on the recommendation of Quay, Platt and Penrose, but they all deny responsibility. No wonder sick soldiers suffered in hospitals in charge of a surgeon-general whose practice had been confined to the treatment of horses, dogs and cats. And even a good veterianian would not have allowed animals under his care to have been neglected and left without proper food and care as were the sick soldiers in the Chickamauga hospitals.

MINERS ENTOMBED!

Many Lives Imperilled by an Explosion of Gas.

CHINA'S EMPEROR!

Spaniards Acting with Good Faith in Porto Rico.

Gas Explosion Kills Ten Miners and Imprisons Fifty.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 23.—An explosion of accumulated gas occurred in the Empire coal mines, near Brownsville, this morning. Fifty men are entombed. Two have been taken out dead.

There were 130 men at work and all but fifty escaped uninjured. Five are now believed to have been killed, and a large number are still entombed.

Rescuing parties are trying hard to reach them. Hundreds of women and children surround the mouth of the pit.

EMPEROR'S LIFE IN DANGER.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Special dispatches from Pekin say the members of the European community there believe the life of the Emperor is in danger. It is added that the dowager Empress desires to place Prince Krug's grandson on the throne. The Emperor has ordered the guards at the palace to be strengthened.

THE HURRICANE IN BARBADOES.

KINGSTON, Jam., Sept. 23.—The hurricane which struck Barbadoes on the 16th swept away many houses and damaged thousands of others, thus leaving three-quarters of the inhabitants homeless. Over one hundred persons were killed as far as known.

The city of Bridgetown was partially destroyed and its suburbs. St. Michael and Belleville, were entirely demolished All shipping was wrecked or blown out to sea.

In the country the desolation is awful, owing to the destruction of the provision grounds on which the population depended. The greatest distress in St. Michael, Christina and St. Philip. The total damage to estates and to the cane crops is about $1 500,000 in Barbadoes.

THE EVACUATION OF PORTO RICO

SAN JUAN, P. R., Sept. 23—Everything relating to the evacuation is proceeding satisfactorily. The Spaniards are acting in perfect good faith and are turning over everything as they quit the various towns.

Preparations are being made for an elaborate ceremony when the American flag is raised over San Juan.

The military commission has adjourned until Monday next. The lights on the north coast of the island, which have been dark since the war began, have been relighted by the Spaniards, except at San Juan, where the lighthouse was destroyed when the place was bombarded by the American fleet.

MUST GET OUT OF CUBA AT ONCE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—A very peremptory message has been sent to the military commissioners and has been by them made the basis of a note to the Spanish commissioners.

The authorities here will not make public the terms of the note, but its general tenor is that the United States will not be satisfied with any delay in the evacuation of Cuba It is to the effect that the terms of the protocol call for the immediate evacuation of Cuba and Spanish sovreignity must be relinquished without delay.

HAVE REACHED QUEENSTOWN.

QUEENSTOWN, Sept. 23—The Cunard line steamer Campania from New York with the United States Peace Commission on board arrived here, this afternoon, with all on board well, excepting Senator Gray, who has been suffering from neuralgia for two days.

MANY FISHERMEN DROWNED.

HEMEL, Prussia, Sept. 23.—Heavy storms are prevailing in the Baltic Sea and 120 fishermen have been drowned between Polangen and Libau, seaport towns of the province of Courland, Prussia.

DR. KENNEDY PLEADS NOT GUILTY

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy pleaded not guilty, to-day, to the charge of murdering Emiline C. Reynolds, Aug. 16th, at the Grand Hotel.

ARBITRATION AGREMENT SIGNED

BUENES AYRES, Sept. 23.—Agreement between Chili and Argentina to submit the boundary disputes between the two countries to arbitration has been signed.

Don't let the little ones suffer from eczema or other torturing skin diseases. No need for it. Doan's Ointment cures. Can't harm the most delicate skin. At any drug store, 50 cents.

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Silk Warp Henriettas $1, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75.
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Cape Cod Cranberries, Fancy New No. 1 Mackerel, New Evaporated Apricots, New Citron, Currants, Raisins, Malaga and Tokay Grapes, Splendid Celery, Cauliflower, Fancy White Table Onions, Small White Pickling Onions, Fresh Spinach, Lima Beans, Wax Beans, Cucumbers. Receiving Every Morning Fresh Corn, Egg Plant, Colorado Melons, etc.

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Cottage Hotel Entertainments.
WEEK OF SEPT. 19.

Kate Byell, balladist and descriptive vocalist; Vic Dunn, serio-comic and dancer; Laughable farce, "Load of Wood," Catharine Reyerd, up-to-date coon songs, Dick Leggett, eccentric comedian and long wooden shoe dancer, Fowler & Fowler, you all know them, John D. Dillon, America's descriptive vocalist.

P. S.—Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show. Cars leave for Middletown at 1 a. m., and Goshen at 12:20.

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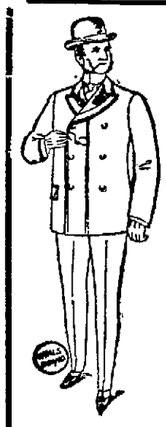

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Silk Tecks 15c. Puffs, latest shapes, 29c. Imperials 35c., usual 50c.

SUSPENDERS—
A special lot at 10c., Wilson buckle, drawer supporter, kid trimmings, same as others charge 25c.

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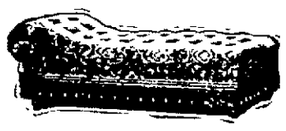

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LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—Monhagens drill, to-night.

—Black Patti at the Casino to-night.

—Ontario Hose Company will drill, to-night, at the truck house at 7:30.

—The Ewald shoe factory at Deckertown is working over time to fill orders.

—The Deckertown Presbyterians have decided to repair and partly rebuild their parsonage.

—The Traction Company announces that its winter schedule will go into effect from Monday morning. 2t

—Fred. A. Heath, the blind singer, is announced to give a concert in the Lutheran Church, Ellenville, Oct. 5th.

—The ARGUS acknowledges the courtesies of Secretary Elston for the Horse Show Association's meeting at Goshen, Oct. 1.

—A case of glanders was discovered, a few days ago, in Thomas Hepper's livery stable, Walden. The diseased horse was ordered shot.

—The troops that went west on the Erie, Thursday, was the 16th Illinois Volunteers. The men were going home to be mustered out.

—All members of Lancelot Lodge, K. of P., are requested to be present at to-night's meeting, when State Deputy D. I. Auchmoody will visit the lodge.

—The police resumed regular weekly drills at the armory, Thursday afternoon. "The finest" expect to make a grand showing on fire parade day.

—A carload of potatoes was sold at Warwick, Monday, by the Lehigh & Hudson Railroad to pay freight charges. They brought twenty cents a bushel.

—The Honk Falls Power Company expects to have its plant in operation by Oct. 1. The first user of the power it will furnish will be the Ellenville Electric Company.

—Wawarsing's assessors have decided not to attempt to defend their assessment in the bank matter, and the Cox Brothers' stock will be assessed at the same ratio as that of the other stockholders.

—"Lost, Strayed or Stolen," after a five week's run at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, New York city, will be the attraction at the Casino next Monday evening. The attraction has merits which the press of the metropolis have highly extolled.

—James H. Wallick's "When London Sleeps" will hold the boards at the Casino next Thursday evening. This play has attracted crowded houses in all the large cities where it has been produced, and it will undobtedly repeat this record in this city.

PERSONAL.

—Floyd Thompson, of New York, is visiting in town.

—George Carpenter, of the Palm, is confined to his home by illness.

—The *Recorder* notes that Mrs. L. J. Cole, of this city, is visiting friends in Deckertown.

—Our Ridgebury correspondent writes that Randall Stivers is very ill at his home near that village.

—Mrs. Edward Burhans and son, from Middletown, visited her brother, A. Dayton, Tuesday.—*Ellenville Press,*

—G. B. Wales and daughter, Mrs. Grace Moran, of Middletown, are spending a few days in this village.—*Monticello Republican.*

—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Elliott went to Montgomery, to-day, where the former will receive treatment by his brother, Dr. Elliott.

—Dr. Sayer Hasbrouck and family, of Providence, R. I., who have been visiting his parents in this city, returned home, to-day.

—Louis Weintz and wife, of Middletown, are spending the week with Mrs. Weintz's aunt, Mrs. O'Bryan, below the village.—*Jeffersonville Record.*

—Mrs. J. D. Fuller, of New York city, who has been spending the past three months with her parents in this city, returned to New York, Thursday, accompanied by her sister, Miss Jessie Dailey, who will spend several weeks in New York.

—Charles Armstrong, a private in Company F, 18th U. S. Infantry, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong, No. 5 Albert street. He has been guarding the government machine shops at Alliance, O., the past summer and is the only soldier who has been here who has not complained of poor feeding.

Rector Evans' Vacation.

Rector Evans will start, to-morrow, on his vacation. There will be no services in Grace Church, Sunday morning, but Sunday School will be held as usual. In the evening, Rev. George C. Betts, of St. James Church, Goshen, will take charge of the service and will preach.

Mrs. Royce's Date.

Miss Ida K. Dewey-Royce will appear at the Casino on the night of Oct. 1st, in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Recover Your Records With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c per box. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

THE HORSE SHOW.

The Swell Society Event of the Season —A Very Large Entry List.

That the annual horse show of 1898 will far exceed any of its predecessors is indicated by the fact that its entry list is full to overflowing, and a gratifying feature is that the competition for the prizes offered for horses in harness has been filled particularly well. Dr. J. L. Green, who is well known to those who attend the Goshen exhibition and who knows all about horse shows, says the entry list is the largest on record for a one-day show.

Probably the most popular event is class 17, in which twenty-five competitors will endeavor to drive a mile in exactly three minutes. Among those not previously mentioned are James E. Platt, who drove in exactly three minutes at Middletown, and is confident he can repeat the performance here; John Dickerson, who has driven more 2:10 horses than any other driver, says he can come within a second of the mark and will try to do so; W. M. V. Hoffman, of Tuxedo, who will drive May K., 2:23¼, in this event, has been practicing for a month and is positive he can strike the time to a dot; J. Newton Van Ness, of Newark, is another contestant, and Pierre Lorillard, Jr., will start his trotting mare that Dr. Gurney has handled all summer, but who will be driven by John Hogan.

Another class which has filled well is that for farm horses. The cup offered by the Orange Co. Road and Horse Improvement Association is worth competing for and the idea of offering a prize for this class is a particularly good one.

It has been decided to begin the show at 10:30 a. m.; and those who attend at that hour will find a well stocked tent on the grounds where a luncheon can be procured.

The class in which ladies are to drive has filled very satisfactorily.

The most extensive exhibitors are Messrs. H. N. Bain, of Poughkeepsie, and F. R. Bain, of Newburgh. These gentlemen are the owners of many fine show horses, and H. N. Bain is the treasurer of the Dutchess Co. Agricultural Society, whose successful exhibition closed a few weeks ago. The next largest exhibitor is Gen. Tracy, a new comer, but none the less welcome, whose horses are now kept on the historic Stony Ford Stock Farm. Gen. Tracy is not only a competitor in many classes, but is the donor of the "Tracy trophy" for best standard bred yearlings.

The Horse Show Society has been extremely liberal in the matter of prizes and this liberality has been recognized in the large number of entries received. At this show the American trotter and roadster is the central figure. Pedigree, conformation, speed, disposition and action are all considered, and nowhere can the fast harness-horse, whose birthplace was in Orange county, be seen to better advantage than at Goshen on Saturday, October 1st.

BULLVILLE DRAINAGE CASE.

The Fifth Hearing Postponed—Five Witnesses To Testify for the Defendants.

The fifth hearing in the Bullville drainage case of George W. Evans against Mrs. Margaret Roberson, T. M. Roberson and James E. Miller was to have taken place, to-day, in this city, before Harrison Bull, D. W. Shaw and James G. Graham, commissioners, but owing to the illness of Howard Corwin, Mr. Miller's counsel, a three weeks' adjournment was taken.

Joseph H. Clark, Milton F. Bull, James E. Green, John E. Duryea and Alonzo Howell, all prominent citizens of the town of Crawford, were here to testify that the cost of extending the drain through defendants' lands would be much greater than the value of the small tract that would be improved.

W. B. & H. B. Royce are Mr. Evans' attorneys and J. C. R. Taylor appears for Mrs. and Mr. Roberson.

Something of a Sunflower.

From the Warwick Dispatch.

A stalk of the common sunflower (helianthus) growing in Dwight Dutcher's garden on Clinton avenue, has ninety-seven discs or blossoms on its numerous branches, a few of which are not opened as yet but will be in a few days.

Another Soldier Goes Home.

Harry Miller, one of the soldiers who have been at Thrall Hospital, left, to-day, for Scranton. He has become quite popular, and he was given a send off at the James street station.

Obituary Notes.

—Mr. and Mrs. Warner Hook were bereft, Thursday evening, of their infant daughter, Bessie. The little one was born on the morning that the 24th left town, and its advent prevented Mr. Hook, who was a member of the company, from going with the organization. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

—Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gibbon were sorely afflicted, Thursday night, by the death of their son, Stanley, from diphtheria. He was three years and nine months old, and was an unusually bright and promising child. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of all in their great sorrow.

Turf and Road Notes.

—Joe Patchen defeated John R. Gentry in 2:05¾ and 2:04¾ at Readville, Mass., Thursday. Both heats were very closely contested.

You will not know how much good Hood's Sarsaparilla will do you until you try it. Buy a bottle to-day and begin to take it.

A SORELY AFFLICTED FAMILY.

Malignant Diphtheria in a Mount Hope Family.

Willie, the eight-year-old son of Ira Seeley, a town of Mount Hope farmer, living between Maple Dale and Mount Hope village, died, last night, of malignant diphtheria. There are three other cases of the disease in the family.

Dr. Connor, who is attending the family of Ira Seeley, near Maple Dale, states that when he called there, this morning, he found the three remaining children in one bed, all suffering from black diphtheria in its most malignant form. The oldest boy is eighteen and the others are six and four. They were all bleeding from the nose.

They need the attention of a competent nurse and the town authorities should take immediate action to relieve a hard working, honest resident in his present distress.

The boy who died, Thursday, was buried at Ridgebury, this afternoon.

FARMER BLIVEN'S RETURN.

Was Robbed of Part of His Money, But Don't Tell How.

T. K. Bliven, the town of Warwick farmer who went to Ohio about Aug. 1st to buy cattle and from whom nothing was heard for weeks, returned home Wednesday afternoon.

The *Advertiser* says: Mr. Bliven has part of his money with him and all he can tell is that he was robbed between Cleveland and Cincinnati. By whom, or when, or where he cannot say. He looks like the victim of a fit of sickness and talks rather incoherently. His excuse for not returning promptly is that he was so broken up when he found he had lost his money, ashamed to tell of it and so fearful of the criticism of his relatives that he did not know what to do.

His family and friends have the utmost confidence in him and feel that he has been the victim of foul play, but are greatly relieved at his return.

PROCTOR'S CLAM BAKE.

Served at His Hotel at Greycourt and Was a Great Success.

The clam bake given by J. B. Proctor at his hotel at Greycourt, Thursday afternoon and evening, was a great success. Patrons were present from Warwick, Chester, Florida and Middletown. The food was perfectly baked and served in a gaily decorated dining room by expert waiters. So systematically was the serving done that nothing was wasted and all was kept warm.

The affair concluded with a dance in which many young couples participated.

Mr. Proctor's bakes grow in popularity each year.

Slight Improvement Reported in Dr Winant's Condition.

Robert Lemon returned from Hasbrouck, Sullivan county, Thursday afternoon, after accompanying Nurse Hemingway, of the State Hospital staff, to the bedside of Dr. Frank I. Winant, of the 71st New York Regiment. The doctor's children, for whom he has been raving, also accompanied Mr. Lemon and remained with their grandparents.

Dr. Hanmer believes Dr. Winant's color is improving and hopes that he will soon recover.

A Ball Players Who Took Pay in Onions

Those on the inside of the Wayne-Orange base ball league matters are laughing over the manner in which one of the players has been paid. "Pete" Aguew took his pay in onions. The story is too long to tell here, and if it was told it would probably be followed by several denials.

The Black Patti Company Is Here.

The Black Patti Company, thirty strong, and all "nice looking people," reached this city, this morning. They had as much baggage as Mrs. James Brown Potter would carry.

The troupe played to a crowded house at Port Jervis, Thursday night, and gave complete satisfaction.

Arrested for Cutting Down Telephone Poles.

Thomas Daly, of Phillipsport, displeased with the erection of new Hudson River telephone poles along his premises, cut down four or five of them. He was arrested Wednesday.

For the Sick Soldiers.

The oyster supper given by the Relief Corps of Gen. Lyon Post, Thursday night, was well attended. The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the sick soldiers at Thrall Hospital.

A Very Close Vote.

The taxpayers of the Monticello school district voted, Saturday evening, 35 to 34, in favor of purchasing the Haley property, adjoining the High School property.

Journalistic.

—The new management of the Newburgh *Register* has changed its form from eight to four pages,—eight columns to a page.

A Bayonet Thrust.

Is as a pin scratch to the tortures of Indigestion and Dyspepsia. The bravest soldier will weaken before the onslaught of these redoubtable enemies to health. Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets break down the strong-holds of disease, build up and fortify the wasted nerve force, give new life, new hope, new energy, hoist the banner of victory in the stead of the flag of distress.

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

The Vocal Society's Announcements for the Season.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The announcements for the twelfth season of the Goshen Vocal Society are: Thursday, October 13—annual reunion of the society.

Thursday, November 17—Handel's Oratorio, "Samson."

Tuesday, December 27—"The Messiah."

Thursday, April 20 (?)—Mendelssohn's Oratorio.

The chart will be open for the selection of reserved seats by the associate members and subscribers at the store of C. E. Millspaugh, Monday, September 26. Kindly select seats promptly. The patrons will be privileged to select their seats before the 26th.

The annual reunion will offer particular musical attractions, but it will not be a public concert. Invitations will be extended only to the active members, the patrons, associate members and subscribers. A rehearsal will be held this evening.

A BADLY SCARED COUPLE.

Held Up By Highwaymen Near New Milford.

Last Sunday night, while driving on the Sutton road, near New Milford, Floyd Parkhurst, of Florida, and Miss Ruth Mapes, of Brooklyn, were accosted by two highwaymen, who attempted to seize their horse by the head. Mr Parkhurst urged his horse sharply, and swung his whip at the men in the road. The spirited animal sprang away from the highwaymen, as they came very near getting hold of the bridle. The young couple in the buggy got away safely, but were very badly scared.

The W. C. T. U.'s County Officers.

At the county convention of the W. C. T. U., in Newburgh, Thursday, the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Augusta Goodale Fairchild.
Vice President—Miss Margaret Sloat.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. F. G. Corrie.
Rec. Secretary—Miss Emma B. Shafer.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. M. Isaacs.

Mission Workers Meet With a Road Accident.

While a party of mission workers were on their way from Port Jervis to Greenville, Wednesday, to hold prayer meetings, their horse became unmanageable and all were thrown from the wagon. No one was seriously hurt though Mr. and Mrs. Hull were considerably bruised and all were badly shaken up.

Chief Higham Invited to Lestershire.

Chief Higham, to-day, received an invitation to attend the fire parade at Lestershire, N. Y., near Binghamton, on Saturday of next week.

The chief has received a fine pair of winter fire boots from a manufacturer of firemen's supplies at Lestershire.

Murder Trial in Sussex County.

William Aloni, an Italian, indicted for the murder of George Dureno, at Franklin Furnace, Aug. 13th, was arraigned in the Sussex county court, at Newton. He pleaded not guilty, and Oct. 18th was fixed as the time for his trial.

New Council of Mechanics at Newburgh

A new council of the Order of American Mechanics, to be known as Hudson Council, No. 38, was organized in Newburgh, Tuesday evening, with about forty charter members.

An Unknown Man Killed By An Erie Train.

An unknown man was struck by Erie train 9 at Cochecton, Wednesday afternoon, and so badly cut and crushed that he died in a few minutes.

Stomach Trouble

Stomach trouble is the common name applied to a derangement of the system which is keenly felt but vaguely understood. It may mean inability to retain food or to digest it. It may mean nausea, pain after eating, fullness, inordinate craving for food, or entire lack of appetite. Whatever it means, there's trouble, and it's with the stomach. If you have stomach trouble, you will be interested in this letter from a man who had it and was cured by

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

"For nine years I suffered from stomach trouble. I tried the aid of the best doctors of Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and spent large sums of money, all in vain. One day while waiting a train in Bellaire, O., I picked up a paper with a notice of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I got one bottle to try it. It did me so much good that I purchased five more bottles. I took four of them and gained in flesh, my appetite improved, and now I can eat anything. My stomach is all right, thanks to the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla."—CALVIN M. SNYDER, Uniontown, Pa.

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Sciatic Rheumatism Cured.

L. Wagner, wholesale druggist, Richmond, Va., says: "I had a fearful attack of sciatic rheumatism, was laid up almost two months; was fortunate enough to get Mystic Cure For Rheumatism. This cured me after doctors' prescriptions had failed to have any effect. I have also heard of fine results from others who have used it." J. E. Miller, Druggist, No. 2 Empire Block, North street, Middletown, N. Y.

Wagons at Cost!

Having leased our building, we will offer our entire stock at cost from now to Oct. 1st.

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A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Wealthy Woman Murdered by Her Suitor.

AFTER WHICH HE KILLS HIMSELF.

Mrs. Ella Wilson Had Rejected the Suit of James O'Neill—Armed, He Enters Her Brooklyn Home and Lays in Wait For Her.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Mrs. Ella L. Wilson was murdered yesterday afternoon in her home, 837 Union street, Brooklyn, by James O'Neill, a Coney Island railroad man, who, according to statements by the police, had been calling on her for several months and of whose attentions she had attempted to rid herself. One bullet ended her life. O'Neill then shot himself in the right temple and must have died almost instantly.

The bodies were found not three feet from each other. The woman fell on her face, with her feet pointing to those of the man, who lay on his back, with the revolver by his side.

The scene of the double crime is in a neighborhood where live many men of Brooklyn whose names are well known in business, political and social circles. Not a stone's throw from the house where Mrs. Wilson lived is the handsome home of Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff. About the same distance away lives Edward M. Grout. General Stewart L. Woodford, minister to Spain, and Otto Huber, a millionaire brewer, are also neighbors.

Mrs. Wilson's home, a broad, three-story brown stone structure, which she leased from Leonard Moody, is one of the handsomest in this fashionable street, and its furnishings indicate that she possessed of more than a moderate amount of money. Checks for amounts in the neighborhood of $100 were found in silver decorated pocket-books and in a desk in an upper room. Many slips for the recording of deposits in the Sprague National bank were found by the police as were also dozens of stubs, which showed that from real estate owned by her in the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn Mrs. Wilson had an income of $300 or $400 a month.

Her husband, James Wilson, who was largely interested in real estate, died about ten years ago and left her more than $100,000.

O'Neill, about whom the police have learned nothing, except that he was in charge of trains at the terminus of the Culver route at Coney Island and that he was a frequent caller at Mrs. Wilson's home, was not attractive and dressed with the lack of style compelled by a small income.

It was at least four hours after the murder and suicide that the police of the Bergen Street station knew of the tragedy. A frightened woman was the cause of the delay.

Mrs. Wilson had been out in the forenoon. She returned home a few minutes after 1 o'clock. Miss Martin, who said she lived in Summit, N. J., and whom the police allowed to go home without learning much more about her, called at the house about half past 1 o'clock. She wanted to see Mrs. Wilson. The latter, with her hat on and dressed as she had been when she returned from her trip, opened the door. According to the story told to the police by Miss Martin, Mrs. Wilson said to her:

"I am entertaining a visitor now and will be busy for a few minutes."

"Then," said Miss Martin, "she took me to a room up stairs and told me to wait there until she called me in a very few minutes. I started to take off my hat, when suddenly I heard two pistol shots in quick succession. I heard noises as of two bodies falling. There was not another sound."

Terrified and almost hysterical, Miss Martin dashed down stairs and out of the door, which she closed. She ran down Union street to 365, where lives Joseph Wilson, a brother-in-law of the woman who was murdered. He was not at home. She told a fragmentary story to the women of his household and then ran to the Butler Street police station, where she notified Captain Brown that she thought a terrible crime had been committed. When he learned its location, he sent word to Captain White of the Bergen Street station, in whose precinct the crimes were committed.

Detectives Sanborn and Wilson were sent to Mrs. Wilson's house. When they reached it they found rhyme in the hall and passed the broad, high stoop the two children of the murdered woman, William 12 years old, and Ralph, 6. Neither knew of the terrible tragedy that had taken place only a few feet away from them.

Sanborn and Wilson, by going through a store in Seventh avenue and climbing over fences, reached the door of the rear basement. It was locked. They broke it open and went up stairs. In the dining room in the rear of the first floor they found O'Neill lying on his face, with his head against the andirons of a broad fireplace. He was dead. There was a bullet hole in his right temple. It side him lay his hat, and the revolver with which he had ended two lives was near one of his hands.

Near by there lay away from O'Neill's body the body of Mrs Wilson. The body lay on its face, partly in the parlor and partly in the dining room. The head had struck against the bottom front projection of a piano and rested there. Death had been caused, evidently instantly, by a bullet that entered the right temple and came out behind the right ear.

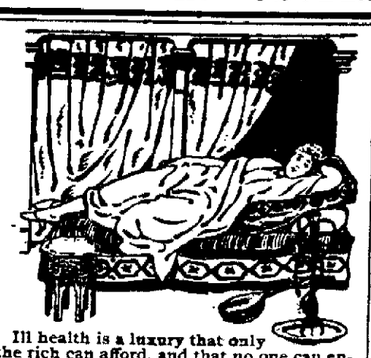
There was not the least sign of a struggle. O'Neill must have killed himself without moving from the spot where he stood when he committed murder.

British Steamer In Danger.

ST JOHN'S N. F., Sept. 23.—The British steamer Ethelinda, Captain Newtown, from Philadelphia for Rotterdam, passed Cape Race at noon yesterday bound for this port in distress. It is reported that she has eight feet of water in her hold, and the seas are sweeping a clean breach over her. The steamer Favorite has been dispatched to assist her to port.

Spread of the Chinese Insurrection.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The Times' Pekin correspondent says, "The government is increasingly anxious regarding the northward movement of the anti-dynastic insurrection, which has already entered Honan province."



Ill health is a luxury that only the rich can afford, and that no one can enjoy. Every woman is not so situated that she can be an interesting invalid, or rather, an uninteresting invalid, for there never was an interesting one.

The woman who suffers from weakness and disease of the distinctly feminine organs is certain to become an invalid. No woman can suffer in this way and be a healthy, happy, amiable wife and a competent mother. Troubles of this nature sap the strength, rack the nerves, paint lines of suffering upon the face, destroy the temper, make the once bright eyes dull and the once active brain sluggish, and transform a vivacious woman into a weak, sickly invalid.

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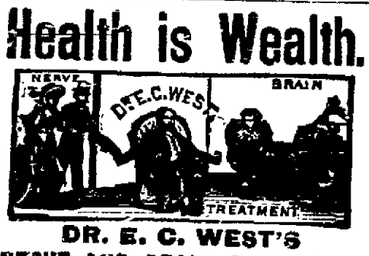

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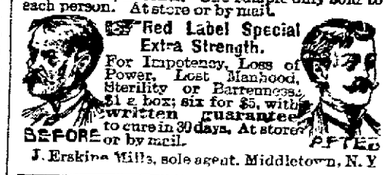

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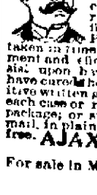

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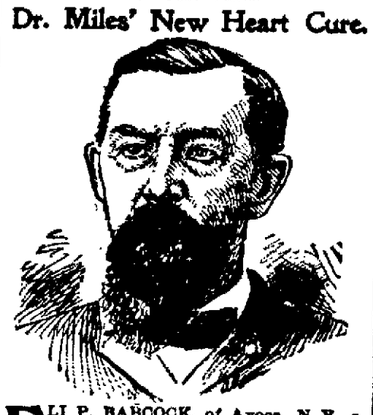

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MORE POWERFUL GUNS.

War Department Orders New Designs.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The navy department has recently placed orders for forgings for naval rifles of calibers from 4 to 12 inches to supply the new battleships, and in a short time the navy yard factory will begin to turn out ordnance embodying radical changes in gun construction and much more powerful than guns of the same caliber now afloat on our ships. The ordnance officers have for several years realized the possibility of improving the present standard naval gun, effective as it is, but the time has not been opportune to do this, nor was the money available to undertake the change on a large scale until this year. The advent of smokeless power has also aided to make the change possible.

The new 12 inch gun will be as effective as the present 13 inch gun in range and striking force. This is achieved at the expense of weight, but the difference is still in favor of the new design. For instance, the present 12 inch gun weighs 46 tons, against 52 tons for the new gun, but this gun takes the place of a 13 inch gun, which weighs 61 tons, so that a considerable saving is effected. About the same rate of gain is secured in all the lesser calibers.

The new gun will send its projectile at the enormous velocity of 3,000 feet per second, which is about 50 per cent greater than the velocity of the present 13 inch shell. The ordnance officers say that there is a very erroneous idea prevalent as to the value of the ammunition shot away by Dewey at Manila and by Sampson's fleet at Santiago. Instead of this running up as high as $2,000,000, as asserted in some quarters, the fact was that Dewey at Manila fired $47,000 worth of ammunition and the Atlantic fleet at Santiago on July 3 and during the bombardments not to exceed $100,000.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Admiral Cervera arrived at Madrid yesterday.

Eight hundred Spanish soldiers have sailed from Porto Rico for home.

Hundreds of lives have been lost in China by the overflow of the Yellow river.

General Brooke reports that four American soldiers have died in Porto Rico, two being killed by lightning.

No new cases of yellow fever are reported in New Orleans, while only a few are reported in Mississippi towns.

Two American Presbyterian clergymen in China sought protection of the British consul at Hoichow from a band of robbers.

Chile has given Argentina five days in which to accept unrestricted arbitration of the boundary dispute between the two countries.

But for the intervention of General Blanco a clash would have occurred at Matanzas between 500 Cuban insurgents and the Spanish forces.

A Hongkong dispatch purports to give details of the convention between Russia and China whereby the latter cedes Port Arthur and Talien Wan to the former.

General Arolas, military governor of Havana, protested against the raising of the stars and stripes over the American commissioners' headquarters, but was overruled by Blanco.

The situation arising from the threatened conflict between the civil and military authorities of Paris over Colonel Picquart is regarded as very grave. A dictatorship even is regarded as possible.

The Paris Journal says that the government has decided to send re-enforcements to Major Marchand, who is reported to be at Fashoda, on the Nile. This statement was afterward officially denied.

General Wheeler For Cuba.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—A report reached camp yesterday from Washington that General Wheeler had been appointed to command the cavalry division of the army of occupation for Cuba. General Wheeler said that this was news to him, but nothing would please him better. He would like to go to Cuba again at the head of the cavalry, and he did not think his duties would interfere with his duties as a congressman. He said there was no doubt of his being elected, and while he felt he should have gone about and shown himself to his constituents, still the people of his district would understand how he was fixed and would not mind his absenting himself and would pardon him. He thought he could go to Cuba and spend the winter in army work and get back in time to take up his duties in congress. Still, he did not know that he had been named for the position to which he aspired, but hoped it might be true that he was.

Cervera and Aunon at Loggerheads.

MADRID, Sept. 23.—The marked coolness of Admiral Cervera and his officers toward the minister of marine, Senor Aunon, is much commented upon here. Senor Aunon and his staff in uniform met Admiral Cervera and his party at the railroad depot. The admiral halted before the minister, saluted and said stiffly:

"I am at the orders of your excellency. I shall present myself at the ministry today, as is my duty."

The admiral then started to leave after embracing Captain Eulate, the former commander of the Vizcaya, and his other comrades.

The minister of marine offered the use of his carriage to Admiral Cervera, but the latter declined to accept it and entered another carriage.

China's Emperor Deposed.

PEKING, Sept. 23.—An imperial edict just issued definitely announces that the emperor of China has resigned his power to the dowager empress, who has ordered the ministers to deliver to her in future their official reports. The effect of the change must be great. In all probability Li Hung Chang will be reinstated in power and Russian influence will increase. The hopes of reform so ardently cherished by the intelligent factions of the Chinese are now impossible of fulfillment.

Zanzibar For German Concessions.

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—The Zanzibar correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung records the prevalent belief existing there that England will cede Zanzibar to Germany in return for German concessions regarding Delagoa bay.

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Dated March 29th, 1898.

JAMES REILLY, Administrator.
WILLIAM J. BURKE, Attorney for Administrator. d7wSatFeb'

IN PURSUANCE of an order of the Surrogate of the County of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Julia E. Manning, late of the town of Minisink, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at his place of business in the town of Minisink, on or before the 6th day of January next.

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His Dilemma.

Farmer Hornbeak — I don't know how to use this medicine. The label on the bottle is so blurred that I can't make it out.

Mrs. Hornbeak—Can't you kinder guess at it?

Farmer Hornbeak—Wa-al, I don't like to take the risk. I've tasted and smelled of it and rubbed on a little, and I'm afraid if I apply it externally it will pain infernally, and if I take it internally it will settle me eternally. I guess I'd better give it away.—Judge.

Lost.

He—I wish you'd get me my new umbrella. I think it will rain.

She—But I lent it to Herr von Neugebauer last night when it was raining so hard.

He—Lent it to him, did you? Well, we'll never see it again.

She—Why not?

He—Hm! Because it was his umbrella.—Der Floh.

A Point Scored.

The facetious boarder had the train all laid for a killing joke. "It's a wonder," he said, "that you didn't serve up this hen feathers and all." "The next time," said the landlady, with marked emphasis, "I'll serve her up bill and all." And the joke was ruined.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Enterprise.

"Why did that manager engage those two jealous sopranos and those two rival comedians?"

"He's going in for realism. He says he's going to put on a war opera with some real war in it."—Washington Star.

Cross Examination.

Attorney—You reside—

Witness—With my uncle.

Attorney—and your uncle lives—?

Witness—With me.

Attorney—Exactly. And you both live—?

Witness—Together.—N. Y. Journal.

The Patient New Yorker.

Cobwigger—Why do you feel sure there will be no bread riots on account of the bakers cutting down the size of the loaves?

Merritt—Because our people are philosophic enough to see that half a loaf is better than none.—Judge.

Explained.

"That's not his wife with him, is it?"

"No, of course not. Don't you see how attentive he is?"

"Yes; but his wife's got money."

"Not now—he's spent it."

"Oh, then I might have known."—Pick-Me-Up

Delicately Put.

He would not say that she painted, powdered and all that. He was too much of a gentleman for that.

"Still, I may as well confess," he said, "that she impressed me as one who thinks she can improve upon the Lord's handiwork."—Chicago Post.

The Lord and the Lady.

"My face is my fortune, sir," said she.
His reply with envy smote her.
"My name alone may bring cash to me
From some business-like promoter."

A NATURAL QUESTION.

The Cow to the Scorcher—Didn't you hear my bell, young man?—N. Y. World.

As It Often Happens.

He talked about his troubles,
He told them o'er and o'er,
Till the world supposed he liked them
And took pains to give him more.
—Washington Star.

Just What He Said.

Penman—Did you say that book agent who called on you to-day was selling some of my works?

Denman—No, I didn't say that. I said he was trying to sell them.—Yonkers Statesman.

He Was No Diplomat.

She—You have asked me for just one kiss. Would you quit teasing me if I were to let you have it?

He (eagerly)—Yes

She—Then I won't. — Cleveland Leader.

A Matter of Sex.

Little Clarence—Father, what is the difference between firmness and obstinacy?

Father—Merely a matter of sex, my son.—Tit-Bits.

Somewhat Surprised Himself.

Mamma—I'm surprised at you, Johnny!

Johnny (thoughtfully)—I wonder if you'll ever get used to it, mamma?

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23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
212—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
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Time Table in Effect June 26th, 1898.

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	11 Milk	1 On't Day Exp	3 Mt'n Exp	17 Half Holy Sat. Only	7 Yonkers Limited	15 Ulster Co. Exp	5 Chicago Lmt
	A M	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M	P M
N. Y. Leave	3 20	7 40	9 00	12 45	3 00	3 00	5 45
Franklin St	3 30	7 55	9 15	1 00	3 15	3 15	6 15
W. 42d St.,	4 00	8 10	9 30	1 20	3 30	3 30	6 30
Weehawken	5 10	9 45	10 57	2 45	5 00	5 05	7 50
Cornwall	f6 22	f9 58	.....	.....	.....	5 20	.....
Firthcliffe	f6 28	f9 58	.....	.....	.....	5 25	.....
Orr's Mills	f6 28	f9 59	.....	.....	.....	5 25	.....
Little Brit'n	6 40	f10 06	.....	.....	.....	5 38	.....
Burnside	6 56	f10 16	.....	.....	.....	5 52	.....
Campb'll H.	7 07	10 22	11 35	3 30	5 34	6 03	8 19
Stony Ford	7 15	f10 27	o11 39	.....	.....	6 08	.....
M'town Main St.	7 38	10 43	11 58	.....	.....	6 26	.....
M'town ar	7 40	10 45	11 55	3 35	5 50	6 07	8 36
M'town lv	8 45	f11 05	f12 10	3 55	6 00	6 15	8 46
Winterton	9 10	f11 09	o12 25	.....	.....	6 38	.....
Bloom'g'b'gh	9 21	11 15	12 35	4 30	.....	6 50	.....
Wurtsboro	9 26	11 19	f12 35	o4 24	.....	6 54	.....
Summitville	9 38	11 30	12 45	4 31	.....	6 47	.....
Ellenville ar	10 05	11 50	1 05	4 55	.....	7 05	.....
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 05	1 20	5 05	7 00	.....	.....
Hurleyville	10 53	12 12	1 28	5 12	7 07	.....	.....
Ferndale	11 15	o12 22	1 36	5 26	7 18	.....	.....
Liberty	11 30	12 29	1 49	5 46	7 23	.....	9 50
Parksville	11 45	12 40	P M	5 56	7 37	.....	.....
L'y'gst'n M't	12 00	12 53	.....	6 06	7 49	.....	10 13
Rockland	12 15	1 05	.....	6 20	8 00	1 3	.....
Cadosia	1 25	2 00	.....	F M	.....	A M	10 59
Walton	2 10	2 45	.....	.....	8 05	11 38	.....
Maywood	.....	3 14	.....	.....	8 38	.....	.....
Sidney	.....	3 40	4 11	.....	9 02	12 18	.....
N'rwich ar	.....	4 20	A M	.....	9 50	12 56	.....
N'rwich lv	.....	4 30	7 20	.....	9 54	1 08	.....
Castle	.....	5 53	9 10	.....	.....	2 10	.....
Oneida ar	.....	5 57	9 15	.....	.....	2 15	.....
Oneida lv	.....	6 05	9 20	.....	A M	2 15	.....
Fulton	.....	7 39	10 58	.....	.....	n3 25	.....
Oswego ar	.....	8 00	11 20	.....	.....	3 45	.....
	P M	M A	M P	M P	M P	A M	A M

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 New Y'rk Exp	12 Local	50	14 Delhi Ex	2 Day Exp	42 Norwich Exp	18 Sunday Spec
	A M	M A	M	.....	P M	P M	P M
Oswego lv	11 20	.....	7 00	.....	6 45	2 00	.....
Oneida ar	12 52	.....	12 22	.....	8 46	3 10	.....
Oneida lv	12 56	.....	1 10	.....	8 50	3 20	.....
Castle	.....	.....	1 15	P M	8 53	3 27	.....
Norwich ar	2 09	.....	6 00	6 42	10 37	7 15	.....
Norwich lv	2 14	.....	P M	6 45	10 42	P M	.....
Sidney	3 05	.....	.....	7 40	11 40	.....	.....
Maywood	.....	.....	.....	7 58	11 57	.....	.....
Walton	3 50	12 15	A M	8 30	12 37	.....	.....
Cadosia	4 21	1 30	S p m	9 00	1 20	4	.....
Rockland	.....	2 35	6 20	.....	2 10	Mt'n	5 05
Liv'gst'n M't	5 07	3 00	6 35	.....	2 25	Exp	5 20
Parksville	.....	3 16	6 47	.....	2 37	P M	5 30
Liberty	5 26	3 35	7 06	1 6	2 51	2 30	5 45
Ferndale	.....	3 41	7 04	Uls-	n2 56	2 34	5 50
Hurleyville	.....	4 04	7 14	ter	3 05	2 44	6 00
Fallsburgh	.....	4 19	7 21	Co.	3 14	2 52	6 07
Centreville	.....	4 40	7 28	Exp	n3 22	3 00	f6 14
Mount'n D.	.....	4 50	7 34	M	n3 25	3 03	f6 20
Summitville	6 06	5 10	7 21	3 45	3 44	6 40	.....
Wurtsboro	.....	5 20	7 28	3 58	.....	n6 47	.....
Bloom'g'bgh	.....	5 28	7 33	4 05	3 57	6 50	.....
Winterton	.....	5 34	7 38	n4 02	.....	n6 56	.....
M'town ar	6 38	5 55	8 15	7 53	4 20	3 55	7 18
M'town lv	6 43	6 20	8 25	8 05	4 30	4 05	7 25
Main St.	.....	6 22	.....	8 07	4 32	.....	7 27
Stony Ford	.....	6 59	.....	8 20	4 56	.....	n7 41
Campb'll H.	.....	7 15	8 42	8 28	4 52	4 24	7 47
Burnside	.....	7 22	.....	8 31	4 57	.....	n7 53
Little Brit'n	.....	7 38	.....	8 41	5 06	.....	n8 09
Orr's Mills	.....	8 05	.....	8 48	5 15	.....	n8 16
Firthcliffe	.....	8 06	.....	8 50	5 20	.....	n8 18
Cornwall	7 28	8 15	9 08	8 57	5 28	4 52	8 24
Weehawken	8 45	10 50	10 30	10 30	7 00	6 20	9 50
New York W. 42d St., N. Y.	8 55	11 15	10 40	10 40	7 10	6 35	10 00
Fkln St ar	9 15	11 30	10 55	10 55	7 25	6 50	10 15
	P M	p m	A M	A M	P M	P M	P M

* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.

f Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers.

n Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.

¶ Stop for meals.

Trains leave Cadosia 6 10 a m., 2 05 p m. Sunday only 4 30 p m for Scranton, Carbondale and intermediate stations.

Trains leave Scranton 10 55 a. m., 4 15 p m. Sunday only 8 [illegible] m. for Cadosia.

Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9 40, 11 30 a. m., and 2 45, 3 45, 6 10, 6 47 p m. Saturday only 4 35 p m Sunday only 6 47 p. m.

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7 00, 7 40, 10 50 a. m., and 12 10 3 00 and 5 40 p. m. Saturday only 4 05 p m Sunday only 6.15 p. m.

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7 20 and 11 00 a. m, and 4 45 p. m. except Saturday 1.30 p. m Sunday only 8 10 p m

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 8 10 a. m, 2 45 and 8 35 p. m. Sunday only 9 15 a. m, and 2 15 p m. Except Saturday 12 37 p m

Additional trains leave Livingston Manor at 1.55 p. m, stopping at all stations to Walton, arriving at 8 20 p m Leave Walton at 12 45 p. m. arrive at Norwich 5 30 p m.

Leave Walton 7 20 a m, stopping at all stations to Livingston Manor, arriving at 12 05 p m. Leave Norwich 6 55 a m all stations to Walton, arriving at 11 15 a m

Trains leave Sidney for New Berlin 10.00 a m, ¶8 45 and 7.40 p m Leave New Berlin for Sidney 7 40 and ¶10 02 a. m, and 2 10 p m

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New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Daily p m
West 23d St	8 10	.....	3 30
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 48	.....	4 26
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 50	6 30
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 05	6 40
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 46
Hamburg	11 20	3 25	6 54
Deckertown	11 28	3 40	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 29
Slate Hill	12 09	4 37	7 34
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 46

SOUTH.

	Daily a m	ex Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	5 04
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	5 15
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 22
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 27
Unionville	6 58	7 55	5 34
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 43
Deckertown	7 14	8 20	5 51
Hamburg	7 22	8 44	6 00
Franklin Junction	7 27		
Franklin	7 29	8 56	6 07
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 05	6 12
Two Bridges	7 51	9 27	6 33
Paterson City	9 08		7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36	7 46
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	8 01
Jersey City	9 36	11 12	8 27
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TIME TABLE ADOPTED JUNE 26, '98.

Eastern Time.	8 S. Spec 601	8 S. Spec 625	8	7	29	25	15	17	21	1	9	11	33	37	5	27	16	26	28	38	6	4	30	2	8	22	14	12	10	24	20	18	Sun 18	S. Spec S. Spec 620	S. Spec S. Spec 628	506	14	22	8	2	30	4	6	38	28	16	26	18	36	34	32	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60	62	Eastern Time.
Leave	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P

OBITUARY.

George S. Hatch.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

George Smith Hatch, long a resident of Mount Hope, died at his home in that village, Monday morning, at 1 o'clock, of general debility, in his sixty-seventh year. He was born at New Vernon, April 9th, 1832, where he lived until early manhood. He was married in 1855 to Elizabeth J., daughter of Henry McNish, who resided at what is now known as the Farrat place, Breezy Point, north of Middletown.

He returned to New Vernon and worked at his trade of blacksmith for thirty years in the shop owned by the late Theodore Uptegrove. In 1870 Mr. Hatch moved to Mount Hope where he made his home and plied his occupation earnestly up to last fall when failing health forced him to desist from his usual employment. During all the past winter and summer his health continued to decline till at last the end came and he passed peacefully away, as stated above.

All these years Mr. Hatch has been a useful man and much respected in the community where he lived.

Mrs. Hatch died over eleven years ago, Jan. 31, 1887. Mr. Hatch is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Belle Hatch Bertholf, who has made his home pleasant all these years.

On May 22, 1887, Mr. Hatch was chosen elder of the Presbyterian Church of Mount Hope and for years was the faithful active officer of the church. He will be greatly missed in the community generally, but more especially in the church will his loss be felt. Most faithfully has he labored both as member and elder of the church to support the ordinances of the gospel in the community. His presence in the Sunday School, prayer meeting and church services was unfailing and constant, and in the years when the church was unable to procure and support a pastor Mr. Hatch and his daughter labored unceasingly to sustain both the prayer meeting and Sunday School. He was often present in the Presbytery of Hudson as elder to represent the church and it will not be easy to fill his place in the session in these days when the material for eldership is so scarce.

The funeral services were held from his late home, Wednesday afternoon, and were attended by Rev. Luthar Littell and Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald. Burial was in the family plot in the Mount Hope Cemetery. L. L.

LOST A SUIT, KILLED HIMSELF.

A Son-in-Law of Rev. D. N. Freeland, Formerly of Monroe, Ends Life's Troubles.

Justice of the Peace Walter L. Thompson, of New Rochelle, committed suicide Thursday morning, by drinking carbolic acid. He was a son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. D. N. Freeland, of Brooklyn, formerly of Monroe, and with his wife attended their golden wedding, Wednesday, and returned home apparently in the best of spirits. At breakfast time he was found dead on a cot in the attic.

Worry over the loss of a suit which he tried recently in New York city is believed to have been the cause for the suicide.

Mr. Thompson was fifty-four years old and was prominent in church and social circles.

Attempts at Burglary in Warwick.

Unsuccessful attempts were made a few nights ago to enter the residence of Grinnell Burt and a house on Oakland avenue in Warwick. An attempt was also made on the farm house of Burt Rhodes, near Amity. Tramps, of whom many have been prowling about the town of Warwick of late, are suspected.

A Box of Food for Kingston's Soldiers

Although the express rates to Honolulu are $17 per hundred pounds, the good people of St. James' Church, Kingston, are determined that the soldiers from that city shall not go hungry, and they are preparing to send a box of edibles to the members of Co M, at Camp McKinley.

Long Walk for a $10 Wager.

From the Pennville Press

Jack Wintish walked to Middletown, a few days ago, on a wager of $10 and won the money by walking the distance and coming out ahead by fifteen minutes. He cannot walk as well as he used to, but gets there just the same.

Bad Symptoms Gone.

"My stomach was in a bad condition, my head ached and I had a tired feeling I did not feel like going to work. I bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and began taking it and soon I felt much better. My head stopped aching and the tired feeling left me." CHARLES BOYD, Glens Falls, N. Y.

HOOD'S PILLS cure all liver ills. Easy to take, easy to operate, reliable, sure. 25c.

Some Foolish People

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

Impossible to foresee an accident. Not impossible to be prepared for it. Dr Thomas' Eclectric Oil. Monarch over pain

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Women Everywhere Express their Gratitude to Mrs. Pinkham.

Mrs. T. A. WALDEN, Gibson, Ga., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before taking your medicine, life was a burden to me. I never saw a well day. At my monthly period I suffered untold misery, and a great deal of the time I was troubled with a severe pain in my side. Before finishing the first bottle of your Vegetable Compound I could tell it was doing me good. I continued its use, also used the Liver Pills and Sanative Wash, and have been greatly helped. I would like to have you use my letter for the benefit of others."

Mrs. FLORENCE A. WOLFE, 515 Mulberry St., Lancaster, Ohio, writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For two years I was troubled with what the local physicians told me was inflammation of the womb. Every month I suffered terribly. I had taken enough medicine from the doctors to cure anyone, but obtained relief for a short time only. At last I concluded to write to you in regard to my case, and can say that by following your advice I am now pefectly well."

Mrs. W. R. BATES, Mansfield, La., writes:

"Before writing to you I suffered dreadfully from painful menstruation, leucorrhœa and sore feeling in the lower part of the bowels. Now my friends want to know what makes me look so well. I do not hesitate one minute in telling them what has brought about this great change. I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough. It is the greatest remedy of the age."

WANT $800 50 FROM THE CITY.

The Griffing Iron Co.'s Suit Against the Board of Education.

The public is naturally anxious to know something about the suit against the Board of Education, which the Board at its last meeting retained John L. Wiggins to defend.

The title of the action is the "A. A. Griffing Iron Company vs. The Degnan Plumbing Company, the Board of Education of the city of Middletown, John A. Wallace, Treasurer of the city, the First National Bank and others." It is brought to recover the sum of $800.50 for material which it furnished the Degnan Plumbing Company for use in the High School building, and for none of which it has been paid.

The company has filed a lien for the amount of its claim.

Sullivan County Incendiaries Sentenced.

Peter Pellam and William Pellam, of the town of Fremont, Sullivan county, pleaded guilty at Monticello, Monday, to setting fire to the barn of James Misner, near Tenanah Lake, and were sentenced to Dannemora prison, the former for five and the latter for four years. They said they did not know why they fired the barn. They are suspected of having burned the barns of Louis Knise, David Berry and Casper Engert, and also the latter's house.

High Prices for Cows in Sussex County

From the Wantage Recorder

A very remarkable sale of cows occurred on Thursday of last week at J. E. Layton's near town. J. C. Wilson, auctioneer, sold for him his dairy of forty-two cows at an average of $43.80 each. We doubt if this record has been equaled in the memory of the oldest inhabitant hereabouts.

Carried a Blacksnake Into the House.

A Milford woman, Saturday evening, carried a rocking chair from the piazza into the house, and when she turned up the lamp was startled nearly out of her wits by seeing a large blacksnake gliding out of the chair. The yell she gave soon brought the neighbors hurrying to the scene, and the snake was killed.

Child Run Over by a Bicyclist.

Georgie, the three-year-old son of James Kane, while crossing the street in front of his parents' home in Port Jervis, Wednesday evening, was knocked down and run over by a bicyclist and his leg broken between the knee and ankle.

POLITICAL NOTES.

—Henry C. Hunt, of Deckertown, who has been talked of in connection with the Republican nomination for Congress in the Fourth New Jersey District, announces that he is not a candidate.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

—The railroads in Sussex county will pay $994 81 in State taxes this year.

—About 200 persons attended the annual picnic of Division 54, B. of L. E., which was held at Shohola, Wednesday.

THE LADIES.

The pleasant effect and perfect safety with which ladies may use Syrup of Figs, under all conditions, make it their favorite remedy. To get the true and genuine article, look for the name of the California Fig Syrup Co. printed near the bottom of the package. For sale by all druggists.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets, beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Dr. Miles' Pain Pills are guaranteed to stop Headache in 20 minutes. "One cent a dose."

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

The Ontario and Western Railway Company intends to make Midway Park a regular excursion point next season. The excursions will be run every other Sunday and arrangements will be made to transfer the people to the trolley line at Mechanictown.

This should become a very popular excursion for New York people, combining as it does a sail across the North River, a dash through the inland and then a sudden burst upon the shore of the Hudson at Haverstraw, to be followed by a charming ride through fertile Orange county. The trip is well worth a dollar of any body's money.

Second hand bicycles will be numerous and cheap next year. The craze is passing and the riders of five years ago are now seldom seen. The riders of to day are the beginners of last year. There are more wheels in the cellars than ever before, waiting until they'll fit the younger brother.

The 124th Separate Company doesn't seem to be thriving very hard nowadays. The enthusiasm of this second section of the Honolulu train seems to have been dampened by the present situation. Of course drills will soon commence and then the armory will be lighted up once in a while and the tramp of feet will re-echo through the hall. The day of the contented national guard has gone by, and the wreck will ever remain as a monument to the present governor and his incompetent adjutant general.

Glancing in the central office of the Orange County Telephone Company, today, two very active young ladies were found standing in front of the large switch boards, and they were as busy as any young ladies could be. Said one:

"I honestly—number, please—(click, click)—think everybody is trying—well? —you're excused—44?—I think they are all trying to—busy now—talk at once. The—didn't they answer?—people don't realize—well. I called them—(bur-r-r-r)—how much we have to do, and—hang up the receiver, please—that everybody is in just as big a hurry as everybody else."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, Sept 23, '98.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	120⅝	120½
Tobacco	146⅞	147½
Chicago Gas	104¼	105⅛
Nat. Lead	35	34
General Electric	49¾	49¼
U. S. L., pref.	68⅛	68⅜
Tenn. Coal and Iron	29	29
A. T. & S. F.	12⅞	—
C. B. & Q.	115⅝	115⅝
C. M. & St. P.	106⅞	*107⅜
R. I.	102½	102¾
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	92⅞	92¾
Erie	14	14
D. and H.	108½	—
O. & W.	—	18
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref.	—	—
P. & R.	18⅜	18½
N. J. W.	131	130½
L. S.	—	—
N. Y. C.	115¼	115½
M. P.	33½	33½
Texas	13⅞	14
U. P.	32⅛	32¼
W. Union	92¼	92½
L. & N.	56⅞	56⅝
Manhattan	97⅛	97⅝
P. M.	33½	33½
Wabash, pref.	22	21½
No. Pacific, pref.	77	76⅞
Metropolitan Traction	156	155
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	63¾	63⅝
Southern, pref.	—	33⅝
Dec Wheat	64½	63⅝
Dec. Corn	29¾	29⅝
Dec Oats	21¼	20⅞
Oct. Pork	$8 10	$8 17
Oct Lard	4 70	4 80

*Ex Div 2½ per cent

BIRTHS.

STANTON—Near this city, Sept 21st, '98 to Mr. and Mrs Lewis Stanton, a son.

DIED

GIBBON—At 18 Chestnut street this city Sept. 22d '98 Stanley, son of John F Gibbon, aged three years and nine months

Funeral private, this afternoon.

FELACKE—In this city, Sept 22d, '98, Marianna wife of Anchell Felacke, aged thirty five years

Funeral Saturday, from her late residence, 20 Rowan street, at nine-thirty, and at St Joseph's Church at ten o'clock, with requiem high mass Interment in St Joseph's Cemetery

HOOK—In this city, Sept. 22d, '98, Bessie May, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs. Warner Hook, aged four months and twenty three days

Funeral Saturday, at two p m., from parents' residence, 17 Franklin street Interment in family plot, Phillipsburgh.

TIERNEY—At Callabar in the town of Crawford, Sept 22d, '98, Miss Mary Tierney, in her sixty fifth year

Funeral notice to-morrow

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WANTED on bond and mortgage, $1,500, property worth $3,000. All modern improvements EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney at Law, Rooms 3 and 9 Times Building, King street,

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FOR SALE—Sweepstakes stallion, sire Sweepstakes, dam Knickerbocker, grand dam Black Harry Clay. Foaled July 23d, '93. There is no better young horse in New York State for breeding Will be sold very cheap. Call on or address M. J. DUNHAM or M. B. VANFLEET, Middletown, N. Y. 15dtf

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256 Ladies' Ribbed Vests and Pants.

I bought in a regular way would be $1. We closed the lot, so we can sell them for 69c each. All good sizes, all wool.

283 Ladies' Flannelett Wrappers.

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Black Dress Goods.

No store anywhere carries a better assortment of popular priced black goods than we do. Four special bargains at 35, 49, 69, 89c a yard.

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Our great sales tell the story. All tailor made, lined and interlined, perfect fitting, couldn't be better made by yourself for double the price, $2.98, $3.68, $3.98, $4 68, $4 98.

480 Ladies' Cotton Ribbed Vests.

This lot of Vests if bought in a regular way would sell for 25c. As long as they last 19c each. Extra heavy ribbed Pants, with French band and draw string, 25c a pair.

Dress Linings

Best Kid Cambric 3c., 36-inch fast black Perkaline 10c a yard, 36-inch black backed fancy Waist Lining 12½c a yard, best French Hair Cloth 25c up, 36-inch Percaline Silk, for fancy dress linings, 12½, 15, 20c a yard.

Men's Knit Underwear.

Three odd lots of Undershirts to close out quick. Men's heavy White Shirts 19c., were 35c. One lot Colored Undershirts 29c., were 39c. One lot Colored Undershirts 39c., were 50c. No drawers to match the above.

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All the new colors and weaves here. All wool Dress Goods, heather mixtures, 25c a yard. Novelty Suitings, in a great variety of styles, 39c. All wool Covert Cloth, 38 inches wide, 50c a yard. Elegant line of Whip Cords and Poplins, new shades, 75c a yard.

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Another large lot of the three great specials we have sold so many of. All steel rods, paragon frames, silk covers, Congo handles, men's and women's, 98c., $1.19, $1.48. Every one warranted.

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Best Dark Prints made 4c a yard, good heavy White Domet Flannel 3½c a yard, fine 5c Unbleached Sheeting 3½c a yard, fine Bleached Muslin 5c a yard, best Cotton Batten made at 10 and 15c a roll.

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Ladies' Closed Ribbed Pants, extra fine quality, size 3 to 6, 50c a pair. Men's fine wool fleece Shirts and Drawers. Many get $1, here at 75c. Men's all wool double breasted Shirts and double seated Drawers 98c.

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Good Hump Hook and Eyes, white or black, 3c a card. Our special Box Paper 10, 19c. Box Soap, 3 large cakes, 10c. Fine Perfumes, warranted, 15, 25, 49c a bottle. Almond Meal 25c a bottle. Special, Hair Brushes 25, 39c. Bone Hair Pins 10c a dozen. Face Powder 10, 15, 19c a box.

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